



**ABERDEEN ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING/ MEETING MINUTES**

Boston City Hall Boston, MA, 02201
(held virtually via Zoom)

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: *Bredenberg, Cayley, Pillsbury*

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: *Hoffman*

STAFF PRESENT: *Nicholas A. Armata, AICP; Senior Preservation Planner*

A full recording of the hearing is available at Boston.gov/landmarks

4:05PM: Commissioner Cayley called the public hearing to order. She explained that, pursuant to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, that the public hearing was being conducted virtually via the online meeting platform Zoom in order to review Design Review applications. She also briefly explained how to participate in the online hearing. There were no members of the press present.

Following this brief introduction she called the first Design Review application.

I. DESIGN REVIEW

APP # 25.0129 AB

286 CHESTNUT HILL AVENUE

4:06 PM

APPLICANT: Nithin Ramappa; Akelius Real Estate Mgmt. LLC

PROPOSED WORK: Install new electrical transformer

PROJECT REPRESENTATIVES: Nithin Ramappa

DOCUMENTS PRESENTED: Existing conditions photos, area precedent, site plans, renderings.

DISCUSSION TOPICS (BRIEF): Visibility of the unit, ability to screen the unit, existing vegetation, alternate locations.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

COMMISSIONER CAYLEY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION WITH PROVISOS. COMMISSIONER BREDENBERG SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 3-0-1(Y: EB, SC, HP) (N: NONE) (ABSENT: KH).



- *That if the front row of shrubs are able to be maintained so as to shield the electrical transformer from view, they should be. Otherwise, a fence or trellis should be designed to enclose the transformer as much as possible and shield it from view from the street. If this option is chosen, the Commission asked to explore planting a vine plant such as ivy that would be able to grow up the fencing/trellis and reduce the transformers visibility.*
- *Details are to be submitted to staff for final approval.*

II. RATIFICATION OF AUGUST 8, 2024 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

A vote was not taken for the minutes because they were not available at the time of the hearing. The minutes will be voted upon at the 10-10-2024 hearing.

III. STAFF UPDATES

Staff announced the newest landmark, Horticultural Hall

IV. ADJOURN – 4:33 PM

**COMMISSIONER BREDEBERG MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE HEARING.
COMMISSIONER CAYLEY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 3-0-1(Y: EB, SC,
HP) (N: NONE) (ABSENT: KH).**