



**FORT POINT CHANNEL LANDMARK DISTRICT COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

*Held virtually via Zoom*

**November 14, 2024**

**Commissioners Present:** David Berarducci, Thomas Rodde, Raber Umphenour

**Commissioners Absent:** Susan Goganian

**Staff Present:** Rachel Ericksen, Preservation Planner; Sarah Lawton, Preservation Assistant

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A full recording of the hearing is available at:

<https://www.boston.gov/historic-district/fort-point-channel-landmark-district>

There were no members of the press present.

**6:00 PM:** Chair D. Berarducci called the public hearing to order. He 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 via the online meeting platform Zoom in order to review Design Review applications. He also briefly explained how to participate in this online hearing. He then called the design review hearing to order.

**I. DESIGN REVIEW**

**APP # 25.0263 FPC**

**10 NECCO STREET**

Applicant: Marie O'Brien

Proposed Work: Removal of 17 dead pear trees on Necco Street and Necco Ct. and replace with new honey locust trees.

*Continued from the 10/10/24 public hearing.*

**Project Representatives:** Naomi Mayeux was the project representative.

**Documents Presented:** Photos of existing conditions and plans of the proposed work.

**Discussion Topics:** Commissioners discussed ADA clearance, crushed stone and tree grates, requested that the applicant look into adding a layer of stone dust to the tree pit, follow up care, preference for rectilinear tree grates.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.



**T. Rodde made a motion to approve the project with provisos. R. Umphenour seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 (Y: TR, DB, RU) (N: None) (Abs: None). The provisos were as follows:**

- **Commit to scheduled maintenance for 2-3 years**
- **Use rectilinear tree grates**
- **Look into decomposed granite between the bottom of the tree grate and top of the soil.**

**APP # 25.0377 FPC**

**253 SUMMER STREET**

Applicant: Elizabeth Davis

Proposed Work: Removal of existing decorative iron fixtures along Melcher Street windows; replacement of opaque white film and installation of window scrims including along the retail space door.

**Project Representatives:** Tom Hassell was the project representative.

**Documents Presented:** Photos of existing conditions and plans of the proposed work.

**Discussion Topics:** Commissioners discussed the proposed removal of the iron grates along Melcher Street and found that they should be preserved. They discussed the window scrims (temporary) and requested that they take into account the existing window boundaries, including considering the location of the grates, and update their design to reflect them. Additionally, they requested that the font be reduced.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**R. Umphenour made a motion to deny the removal of the window grates and to continue the window scrims for more information. T. Rodde seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 (Y: TR, DB, RU) (N: None) (Abs: None). The continuance requested:**

- **Updated design for the window scrims focusing on how the muntin is breaking up the signs. Would love to see if the boundaries can be respected**
- **Reduce the font size - more in proportion to the details in the lintels at the top of the window**
- **Refresh of the graphics that respects the location of the grates.**

**II. STAFF UPDATES**

**V. ADJOURNMENT: 7:00 PM**