



**BAY VILLAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

*Held virtually via Zoom*

**December 12, 2023**

**Commissioners Present:** Stephen Dunwell, Anne Kilguss, Ruth Knopf and Kathleen McDermott

**Commissioners Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Joseph Cornish, Director of Design Review

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**4:00 PM:** Chair K. McDermott 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. Following this brief introduction R. Knopf called the first agenda item.

**I. REVIEW OF REVISED REGULATORY STANDARDS** – Staff reported that the latest draft was distributed to the Bay Village Neighborhood Association, Massachusetts Historical Commission and posted online with a request for comments by December 5, 2023. No comments were received from the Massachusetts Historical Commission or the Bay Village Neighborhood Association. Staff reported on comments received from a Boston Transportation Department staff member questioning the commission’s review of paving materials for public sidewalks, street furniture, and street lights. Commission members agreed that the proposed language of the revised regulatory standards clarifies and defines the details of these elements that are currently regulated by the commission. The commission will vote to adopt the revised regulatory standards when the required quorum of five commissioners is present at a hearing.

**Public Comment:** Tom Perkins from the Bay Village Neighborhood Association spoke in favor of the current draft of the Regulatory Standards.

**II. RATIFICATION OF 11/14/2023 MEETING MINUTES**

**K. McDermott motioned to approve the Hearing Minutes as submitted.  
R. Knopf seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (Y: SD, AK, RK, KM) (N: None) (Abstentions: None).**

**III. Adjourn – 4:37 PM**

**A. Kilguss motioned to adjourn the hearing. S. Dunwell seconded the motion.  
The vote was 4-0 (Y: SD, AK, RK, KM) (N: None) (Abstentions: None).**