



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

Held virtually via Zoom
August 13, 2024

Commissioners Present: Stephen Dunwell, Anne Kilguss, Senam Kumahia, Katherine Sikora Nelson and Lora Shea

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Joseph Cornish, Director of Design Review

4:00 PM: Acting Chair Dunwell 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 virtually via the online meeting platform Zoom in order to review Design Review applications. He also briefly explained how to participate in the online hearing. Following this brief introduction S. Dunwell called the first agenda item.

I. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of Chair

COMMISSIONER KILGUSS MOTIONED TO ELECT STEPHEN DUNWELL CHAIR. COMMISSIONER KUMAHIA SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 5-0 (Y: SD, AK, SK, KN, LS) (N: NONE).

Election of Vice Chair

COMMISSIONER DUNWELL MOTIONED TO ELECT ANNE KILGUSS VICE CHAIR. COMMISSIONER KUMAHIA SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 5-0 (Y: SD, AK, SK, KN, LS) (N: NONE).

II. DESIGN REVIEW

25.0045 BV Bay Village Neighborhood Park, 108 Charles Street South:

Applicant: Andrew Louw

Proposed Work: Renovation of existing park to include repair of boundary fence, upgrading of brick paving and landscaping, installation of permanent seating and a tool shed, restoration and redevelopment of water feature, repair/replacement of irrigation box, installation of electrical service and retrofitting of existing gas streetlights to electric.

PROJECT REPRESENTATIVES: James Heroux, Michael McNulty and Priyanka Vankina

DOCUMENTS PRESENTED: Documents presented included existing condition photographs and plans for the proposed work.

DISCUSSION TOPICS: Discussion topics included background on the planning of the project, conversion of gas streetlights, grading of the park, details of the furniture, and details of the fountain.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Robert Stinson asked for information about irrigation.

COMMISSIONER KILGUSS LEFT THE HEARING AT 4:42PM

COMMISSIONER DUNWELL MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION WITH PROVISOS. COMMISSIONER KUMAHIA SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 4-0 (Y: SD, SK, KN, LS) (N: NONE).

- **FINAL DETAILS REGARDING THE BRIGHTNESS OF THE STREETLIGHTS, COLOR OF THE BENCHES, AND DETAILS OF THE TOOL SHED ARE REMANDED TO STAFF FOR FINAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

III. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW APPROVAL

25.0051 BV 27 Cortes Street: At front facade repoint masonry.

25.0088 BV 52 Fayette Street: At front facade replace five pairs of wood window shutters in-kind.

COMMISSIONER KUMAHIA MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW ITEMS. COMMISSIONER DUNWELL SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 4-0 (Y: SD, SK, KN, LS) (N: NONE).

IV. REVIEW OF REVISED REGULATORY STANDARDS – Staff reported that the Bay Village Neighborhood Association (BVNA) has requested additional time to review the draft prior to a vote. They will submit comments by the end of September.

V. RATIFICATION OF 7/9/2024 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Dunwell motioned to approve the Hearing Minutes as submitted. L. Shea seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (Y: SD, SK, KN, LS) (N: None).

VI. Adjourn – 4:55 PM