

Monument Square Landmark District Study Committee

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Meeting #1
April 1, 2025

Staff Members

- Kathy Kottaridis, Director
- Elizabeth Sherva, Executive Director
- Gabriela Amore, Preservation Projects Manager
 - Project lead and point of contact
- Jennifer Gaugler, Architectural Historian
 - Study Report management
- Nicholas Armata, Senior Preservation Planner
 - Public outreach; Advising on standards and criteria
- Chelsea Blanchard, Staff Architect
 - Advising on standards and criteria

Study Committee Members

- Crystal Galvin
 - Secretary, Charlestown Neighborhood Council (not representative), B.A. in Planning, grew up in Mishawaum Park. Director of the Kennedy Center
- Julie Hall
 - President, Charlestown Historical Society Charlestown resident, Founder of Bunker Hill 250
- Intiya Ambrogi Isaza
 - Lives in Charlestown, affordable housing developer for Madison Park DC in Roxbury, member of CPS design review committee
- Nancy Johnsen
 - Member of Bunker Hill Monument Association, attorney, Charlestown Neighborhood Council member (not representative)
- Linda Neshamkin
 - Architect in Charlestown, lives on Monument Sq, over 40 year resident of Charlestown
- Ian Urquhart
 - Zoning attorney, lifetime resident, former BPDA attorney
- Ameeth Deenanath (Alternate)
 - Charlestown Neighborhood Council member (not representative)
- Jeffrey Gonyeau
 - BLC Commissioner Appointee, Dorchester-Ashmont Hill resident
- Kirsten Hoffman
 - BLC Commissioner Appointee; Commissioner since 2007, Aberdeen Commissioner, North End resident
- Fadi Samaha
 - BLC Commissioner Appointee; Highland Park Commissioner, lives in South End
- Senam Kumahia
 - BLC Commissioner Appointee
- Lindsey Mac-Jones
 - BLC Commissioner Appointee, lives in Charlestown

Enabling Legislation: Ch. 772 of the Acts of 1975

“**...an investigation and report** on the historical and architectural significance of the structure, sites or objects to be designated shall be made.”

The report will address:

- **Architectural and historical significance**
- **Economic status**
- **Boundaries**
- **Recommended standards**

“...the report shall be prepared by **a study committee consisting of five members of the commission and six persons who have demonstrated interest in the district** ... and who shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council, with the assistance of the commission staff or consultants.” (p. 1029)

“**...within sixty days after the transmittal of a report** of a study committee to the commission pertaining to a proposed designation of a landmark district, architectural conservation district or protection area, the commission shall hold a public hearing.” (p. 1029)

Link to legislation:

https://www.boston.gov/sites/default/files/embed/file/2018-07/chapter772_1975_blc_enabling_legislation.pdf

The work of the Study Committee will focus on:

- Confirming the district boundaries.
- Reviewing the portions of the study report completed by the preservation consultant.
- Developing the specific standards and criteria for the district with the assistance of BLC staff. These standards and criteria will form the guidelines used for all design review decisions once the district is established.
- Making certain recommendations concerning the terms under which the district should be designated.
- Participating in a constituency building process. This means regularly informing people about the goals and progress of the committee through public meetings and other means of outreach as developed by the committee as a whole along with BLC staff. The public process is designed to increase awareness. It also brings to light and addresses sources of opposition, misunderstanding and conflict.

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- 1) Designation (i.e. recommendations)
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- 5) Planning Context
- 6) Economic Status
- 7) Standards and Criteria
- 8) Bibliography
- 9) Appendices

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