



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

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

JULY 14, 2022

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Helen Pillsbury, Sharon Cayley, Nakeeda Burns

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Kirsten Hoffman

STAFF PRESENT: Nicholas Armata, AICP Senior Preservation Planner

A full recording of the hearing is available at [Boston.gov/landmarks](https://www.boston.gov/landmarks).

4:10PM: Commissioner Burns 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 violation application.

1. VIOLATION REVIEW

APP # 22.1328 AB 1912 BEACON STREET

Applicant: Alex DiPietro

Proposed Work: Ratification of unapproved exterior work at storefront

PROJECT REPRESENTATIVES: Alex DiPietro

DOCUMENTS PRESENTED: shop drawings, existing conditions photos, signage info

DISCUSSION TOPICS: Window style, current conditions, extent of work, paint colors of façade, window treatments, door and window openings, signage details, reasoning for conducting work without district approval

PUBLIC COMMENT: Eva Webster of the Orkney Road suggested that a mural should be painted on the blank wall; she did not support the signage on Ayr Road. Ed Brandenburg of Orkney Road did not support the project's signage on Ayr Road



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

- *That the window frames (including the slider window) will be a dark bronze metal, rather than the light colored metal that are currently installed*
- *The sign on Ayr Road and wood backing is rejected*
- *Detailed plans are to be submitted to staff for final approval*

II. DESIGN REVIEW

APP # 22.1235 AB 70 STRATHMORE ROAD

Applicant: Strathmore Arms Condominium Trust

Proposed Work: Install fence along parking lot side on Sutherland Road, in front of property on Strathmore Road and on south side of 70 Strathmore Road facing parking lot

PROJECT REPRESENTATIVES: Henry Mansour

DOCUMENTS PRESENTED: existing conditions photos, shop drawings of fence

DISCUSSION TOPICS: height of fencing, material of fencing, area precedent, location of the fence, need for fence

PUBLIC COMMENT: Eva Webster of Orkney Road recommended that the fence be cast iron, Igor Katsovsky of the neighborhood recommended cast iron

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

- *That the cast iron option presented at the hearing will be installed*

APP # 22.1235 AB 32-34 ORKNEY ROAD

Applicant: Jacob Simmons; City Realty

Proposed Work: Restoration of existing structure and an addition of a penthouse

PROJECT REPRESENTATIVES: Jacob Simmons

DOCUMENTS PRESENTED: existing conditions photos, renderings, shop drawings of materials

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DISCUSSION TOPICS: Materials used for cladding, landscaping plan, window arrangement, visibility from different vantage points, window configuration

PUBLIC COMMENT: Eva Webster of Orkney Road supported the project and strongly encouraged the copper cladding. Ed Bradenburg did not support the project, he felt it was too visible from certain vantage points and would change the character of the street

COMMISSIONER BURNS MOTIONED TO CONTINUE THE APPLICATION TO AN ON-SITE SUBCOMMITTEE. COMMISSIONER CAYLEY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 2-0-2 (Y: SC, NB) (N: NONE) (ABSENT: KH, ABSTAIN HP)

- *Date to be determined based on Commissioner availability*

III ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW ITEMS

APP # 22.1070AB 130 SUTHERLAND ROAD: Masonry windowsills and headers painted to match existing color with masonry paint. Window trim painted to match existing.

APP # 22.1269 AB 137 CHISWICK ROAD: Masonry restoration of Front Wall Power wash entire wall with restoration cleaner; cut and point 100% of masonry joints, approx. 3,600 sf; cut joints to uniform thickness of 3/4" and point with type N mortar. Repair cracked bricks and replace spalled bricks where needed. Check all precast concrete details on the wall and restore where needed. Apply two coats of water repellent to entire wall.

COMMISSIONER PILLSBURY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW ITEMS. COMMISSIONER BURNS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 3-0-0 (Y: HP, SC, NB) (N: NONE) (ABSENT: KH)

IV. RATIFICATION OF 5-12-2022 HEARING MINUTES

COMMISSIONER BURNS MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE 5-12-2022 HEARING MINUTES COMMISSIONER PILLSBURY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 3-0-0 (Y: HP, SC, NB) (N: NONE) (ABSENT: KH)

V. STAFF UPDATES

Staff mentioned the formation of the office of historic preservation



VI. ADJOURN – 6:09

COMMISSIONER BURNS MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE HEARING. COMMISSIONER PILLSBURY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 3-0-0 (Y: HP, SC, NB) (N: NONE) (ABSENT: KH)