



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

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

JULY 11, 2024

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ed Bredenberg, Helen Pillsbury, Sharon Cayley, Kirsten Hoffman.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Nicholas Armata; Senior Preservation Planner

A full recording of the hearing is available at Boston.gov/landmarks

4:03PM: Commissioner Cayley 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 Design Review application.

I. DESIGN REVIEW

APP # 24.1076 AB 52 LANARK ROAD: **TIME: 4:06**
Applicant: Ronald Ilia
Proposed Work: Replace brick retention wall and stairs with concrete block.

PROJECT REPRESENTATIVES: Ronald Ilia

DOCUMENTS PRESENTED: Existing conditions photos

DISCUSSION TOPICS (BRIEF): Current condition of the wall, precedent for wall proposal on same property, treatment of the stairs at cap of wall.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Eva Webster requested that the cap on the wall be continued throughout the new proposed wall.

**COMMISSIONER CAYLEY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED.
COMMISSIONER BREDEBERG SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 3-0-1 (Y: SC,
KH, EB) (N: NONE) (ABSTAIN: HP).**



APP # 24.1103 AB 1-7 SELKIRK ROAD:

TIME: 4:06

Applicant: Stephen Sousa; Sousa Architects
Proposed Work: Construction of four new townhouses on an empty lot.

PROJECT REPRESENTATIVES: Stephen Sousa, Dennis Greenwood

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: The Commission asked questions about the upper level layout of the proposal, questioned the parking areas, discussed the existing trees and their protection on site, questions on the rock formation at the center of the property, the window fenestrations, the need/purpose/appropriateness for juliet balconies, the light fixtures, and the clad materials.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Eva Webster a resident, opposed the project and recommended that it be reduced in size and the parking lot relocated. Gabriella Goode, a resident, supported the project, Linda Zyskowski an abutter, concerned about the trees, parking and trash but supported the project, Phil Tackle concerned the loss of green space and the fact that the structure looks like a multi-family building which is without precedent in the area, Mark Honick feels the project is too large and should be scaled back, Lorraine spoke in opposition of the project due to the lack of green space and the parking location/amount, Donald on Kilsyth Terrace stressed a concern for the parking and the amount of units.

Staff also read into record several written comments submitted to staff for approval.

**COMMISSIONER BREDENBERG MOTIONED TO CONTINUE THE APPLICATION.
COMMISSIONER HOFFMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 4-0-0 (Y: SC,
EB, KH, HP) (N: NONE) (ABSENT: NONE).**

APP #: 24.1120 AB 29 SUTHERLAND ROAD

TIME: 5:17 PM

Applicant: Gary Hendren
Proposed Work: Include description as noted on agenda

The applicant failed to appear.

5:18: The Chair announced that the Commission would next review the Advisory Review item.



II. ADVISORY REVIEW

TIME: 5:19 PM

APP #: 24.0669 AB 140 STRATHMORE ROAD

Proposed Work: Relocate garage and new construction.

The Commission reviewed the proposal favorably with some slight modifications. No vote was taken.

5:48: The chair announced that the Commission would next review Administrative Review/ Approval applications.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW/ APPROVAL

COMMISSIONER BREDENBERG MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW ITEMS. COMMISSIONER PILLSBURY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 4-0-0 (Y: SC, EB, KH, HP) (N: NONE) (ABSENT: NONE).

IV. RATIFICATION OF HEARING/ MEETING MINUTES

COMMISSIONER BREDENBERG MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MAY 9, 2024 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES COMMISSIONER PILLSBURY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 4-0-0 (Y: SC, EB, KH, HP) (N: NONE) (ABSENT: NONE).

IV. STAFF UPDATES

Staff thanked Nakeeda Burns for her service on the Commission. Staff also mentioned a listening session offered by the new Environment, Energy and Open Space Cabinet Chief.

V. ADJOURN – 5:58 PM

COMMISSIONER BREDENBERG MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE HEARING. COMMISSIONER CAYLEY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 4-0-0 (Y: SC, EB, KH, HP) (N: NONE) (ABSENT: NONE).