



**BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

Boston City Hall, Boston, MA, 02201

Held virtually via Zoom

**JANUARY 9, 2024**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** David Berarducci, Bradford Walker, John Amodeo, Lynn Smiledge, Susan Goganian, Anne Renahan, Richard Henderson, Jeffrey Gonyeau, Chris Hart, Jeffrey Heyne, Angela Ward Hyatt, Justine Orlando, Kirsten Hoffman.

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Lindsey Mac-Jones, Felicia Jacques, John Freeman

**STAFF PRESENT:** Staff Architect, Chelsea Blanchard and BLC Executive Director, Rosanne Foley; & Assistant Survey Director, Dorothy Clark; Architectural Historian, Lorie Komlyn; Director of Design Review, Joseph Cornish; Preservation Assistant, Sarah Lawton.

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

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**I. BUSINESS HEARING**

**6:03 PM:** Commissioner Walker 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. Alison Pultina, a member of the press, made herself known.

The Chair announced that the Commission would next review petitions, study reports, and designation.



## II. PETITIONS, STUDY REPORTS, & DESIGNATIONS

### #179.00 NORTH MARKET SQUARE BUILDING

Public feedback will be heard for the North Market building draft study report posted 12-15-23.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:** During the Commissioner comment and discussion period, Commissioner Heyne offered amendments to the study report and offered comments about the site's architectural style and foundation. Commissioners Hart also referenced sections of the study report and offered comments regarding this site's current project and future projects. Commissioner Goganian, expressed concern regarding seasonal structures and the unforeseen changes that may occur with this project. Commissioner Berarducci, had questions about the map and building sites included in the study report. Commissioner Amodeo, had questions regarding which buildings within Quincy Market complex are a pending or designated landmark.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no public comments.

Chair Brad Walker noted that the deadline for the written public comment period is extended to January 12, 2024 at 5:00 PM.

## III. PRESERVATION RESTRICTION AGREEMENT

Discussion and vote on BLC's recommendation for the approval of the City of Boston through the City Council and Mayor of a preservation restriction agreement pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 184 Section 32 on the Fowler-Clark Farm, 487 Norfolk Street, Boston, MA to be held by Historic Boston, Inc.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:** During the Commissioner comment and discussion period,

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no public comments.

**COMMISSIONER GONYEAU MOTIONED TO RECOMMEND THE APPROVAL OF THIS AGREEMENT. COMMISSIONER GOGANIAN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 9-0 (Y: RH, JO, SG, DB, LS, BW, AR, KH, JG,) (N: NONE) (ABS: NONE).**



#### IV. ADVISORY REVIEW

##### **WHITE STADIUM AT FRANKLIN PARK, 450 WALNUT AVE, BOSTON, MA 02130**

White Stadium revitalization project.

**PROJECT REPRESENTATIVES:** Chris Bridle, Nicole Benjamin and Tamara Roy were the project representatives. They presented the proposed scope of work to the Commission, which includes an overview of their White Stadium revitalization proposal.

**DOCUMENTS PRESENTED:** Documents presented included a presentation detailing the site components and history, side elevations, existing condition images, site, security, pavement and tree impact plans, ground floor plans, perspective view images.

**DISCUSSION TOPICS:** Discussion topics included the history of White Stadium, the 2020-2022 Franklin Park Action Plan, an overview of the RFP framework, the Boston Unity use, the Boston Public Schools and community use of the stadium, community engagement efforts made by applicant, the design and development philosophy, the Olmsted plan from 1891, light levels, public transportation access, the existing track and field facilities, proposed site plans.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:** During the Commissioner comment and discussion period, Commissioners questioned whether the “Clam Shell” Wall would undergo repainting and if the section of the building would be preserved. Commissioners expressed their concerns regarding the visual impact of the stadium's new additions, the digital billboards on the Grove, and the access of the site for Boston Public School students. Commissioners had questions about the current timeline for the project, the topography of the Grove sections, public transportation access, and whether the applicant contacted the city’s Disabilities Commission and Institute for Human Centered Design. Commissioners requested that the applicants examine amenities that would support family friendly events, public transportation and parking plans, and how their project aligns with the city’s climate goals.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** During the public comment period, Barry Lawton, offered comments about the utility and access of White Stadium for Boston Public Schools. Specifically, offering comments about the impact the proposal would have on the Boston Public School’s long jump pit, javelin area, and the cross country course.



## **V. HEARING MINUTES**

Review and ratification of Public Hearing Minutes from 12/12/23.

**COMMISSIONER HENDERSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.  
COMMISSIONER AMODEO SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 9-0 (Y:  
RH,JO,SG,DB,BW, JG, JA, CH, AH)(N: NONE).**

## **VI. STAFF UPDATES**

Chelsea Blanchard, Staff Architect, stated the next BLC Design Review Hearing will take place at 4:00 PM, and the Business Hearing will take place at 6:00 PM on January 23rd, 2023.

Rosanne Foley, BLC Executive Director, discussed the shortened study reports template and the 2024 priority to focus on creating study reports for all pending petitions.

## **VII. ADJOURN –7:00 PM**