



**BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

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

APPROVED BY COMMISSION  
October 14, 2025

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2025**

**I. DESIGN REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE 4:00 PM**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** David Berarducci, (sub-committee chair), Jeffrey Heyne, Justine Orlando, Brad Walker.

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** John Amodeo, Celina Barrios-Millner, John Freeman, Jeffrey Gonyeau, Christopher Hart, Kirsten Hoffman, Felicia Jacquest, Senam Kumahia, Lindsey Mac-Jones, Fadi Samaha, Angela Ward-Hyatt.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Staff Architect, Chelsea Blanchard; Director of Design Review, Joseph Cornish; Director of the Office of Historic Preservation, Kathy Kottaridis; and Deputy Director of the Office of Historic Preservation, Elizabeth Sherva.

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

**4:04PM:** Commissioner Berarducci called the Design Review Subcommittee 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. There were no members of the press present.

Following this brief introduction he called the first Design Review application.

**APP # 26.0102 BLC**

**ADDRESS: FRANKLIN PARK, SHATTUCK TENNIS COURTS**

Applicant: Kyle Zick

Proposed Work: Expand the existing two court facility to five courts. In addition to the court expansion, the project includes improvements to surrounding site infrastructure. Pathways will be realigned and repaved, and additional picnic tables and seating areas will be introduced. Shaded structures are proposed to provide shelter over two picnic tables and two seating areas adjacent to the courts. The plan also includes the installation of lighting to support evening tennis play.



**PROJECT REPRESENTATIVES:** Kyle Zick and Lauren Bryant were the project representatives.

**DOCUMENTS PRESENTED:** Documents presented included slides with historic maps, historic plans, historic photographs, existing and proposed condition plans, proposed site views, existing and proposed site furniture.

**DISCUSSION TOPICS:** Discussion topics included an overview of the existing condition, the height and locations of the proposed lighting, the proposed material and color of the new tennis courts, and details about the existing tennis courts.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:** Commissioners discussed the existing conditions, details about the proposed furniture, details about the a future action plan including restrooms, whether existing greenery will be altered or removed, the process of reserving the facilities for the public, whether there will be additional seating for spectators, details about the proposed lighting timing, whether the existing pathways will have lighting, and whether a pickleball court would be included within the expansion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** J. Laing, Franklin Park Tennis Association, spoke in support of the proposed work.

Sarah Freeman, offered comments regarding the existing pathways, greenery and the height of proposed fencing.

Jun Lee, offered comments regarding shelters within the park and restoration.

Andy Crane, Tennis Coach at Boston Latin Academy, spoke in support of the proposed work.

**COMMISSIONER BERADUCCI RECOMMENDED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION.**

**APP # 26.0236 BLC**

**ADDRESS: WILLIAM LLOYD GARRISON HOUSE, 17 HIGHLAND PARK STREET, ROXBURY**

Applicant: Patricia Tower

Proposed Work: Site restoration including restoration of grade at porch along with retaining walls and site stairs. CONTINUED FROM 8-26-2025 HEARING

**PROJECT REPRESENTATIVES:** Tricia Tower, Rayford Law, and Kyle Zick were the project representatives.



**DOCUMENTS PRESENTED:** Documents presented included slides that include existing conditions photographs, historic photographs, existing conditions drawings, proposed conditions drawings

**DISCUSSION TOPICS:** Discussion topics included an overview of the existing conditions and plans for the proposed work.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:** Commissioners discussed the existing conditions, the proposed plans to replace the existing retaining wall, and details about the proposed excavation.

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

**COMMISSIONER BERADUCCI RECOMMENDED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION WITH PROVISOS.**

**APP # 26.0153 BLC**

**ADDRESS: COMMONWEALTH AVENUE SIGNAGE**

Applicant: Liza Meyer

Proposed Work: Commemorative signage on the Arlington Street Fence at the Mall.

**PROJECT REPRESENTATIVES:** Liza Meyer was the project representative.

**DOCUMENTS PRESENTED:** Documents presented included existing condition photographs, photographs of the seasonal holiday lights on the Commonwealth Mall, the proposed plaque design, and the proposed signage design.

**DISCUSSION TOPICS:** Discussion topics included an overview of the existing conditions, the method of installing a new commemorative plaque, the proposed design and location of the new plaque, and background on the organization responsible for maintenance.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:** Commissioners discussed the existing conditions, the Commonwealth Avenue Mall study report, guidelines regarding signage, the proposed mounting method for new signage, the proposed material, design, and location of the proposed signage and plaque, details about other plaques within the Mall.

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



**COMMISSIONER BERADUCCI RECOMMENDED TO CONTINUE THE APPLICATION.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW/APPROVAL**

**APP # 26.0215 BLC - BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY SECURITY CAMERAS:** Addition of security cameras in designated spaces.

**APP # 26.0237 BLC - OLD SOUTH MEETING HOUSE, 310 WASHINGTON STREET:**

Transform the main hall into an immersive multimedia theater. Interior work includes: repainting windows and window returns; replacing interior storm windows; relocating interior wood shutters and fanlights and adding painted copper on backside to block light; restoring interior shutters and fanlights and adding painted copper on backside; removing erroneously sized interior wood shutters; installing new replica interior wood shutters and fanlights; installing new replica fanlights and electric bottom up room darkening shades; and installing new lamps at main chandelier.

**26.0235 BLC - RICHARDSON BLOCK, 145 PEARL STREET:** At rear elevation repoint and repair masonry.

**26.0182 BLC - WARREN HOUSE, 130 WARREN STREET:** Improvements to existing concrete pathway.

**COMMISSIONER BERADUCCI RECOMMENDED TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW ITEMS.**

**ADJOURN – 5:30 PM**

**II. BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION BUSINESS HEARING 6:00 PM**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** David Berarducci, John Freeman, Jeffrey Gonyeau, Christopher Hart, Jeffrey Heyne, Kirsten Hoffman, Felicia Jacques, Lindsey Mac-Jones, Justine Orlando (Vice-Chair), Brad Walker (Chair), Angela Ward-Hyatt.

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via the online meeting platform Zoom in order to review Design Review applications. He also briefly explained how to participate in the online hearing. There were no members of the press present.

The Chair announced that the Commission would next review the Ratification of Meeting Minutes.

### III. HEARING MINUTES

Review and ratification of public hearing minutes from August 26, 2025 meeting.

**COMMISSIONER ORLANDO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. COMMISSIONER HEYNE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 9-0-0 (Y: FJ, JF, JO, DB, BW, LMJ, KH, JG, CH) (N: NONE) (ABS: NONE).**

Following this brief introduction Commissioner Beraducci summarized the design review items from the Design Review Subcommittee Meeting.

### IV. DESIGN REVIEW RECAP & VOTE

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The Chair announced that the Commission would next review Administrative Review/Approval applications.





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## VI. STAFF UPDATES

Elizabeth Sherva, Deputy Director of the Office of Historic Preservation, announced that the next BLC Business Meeting will take place at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

## VII. ADJOURN – 6:30 PM