



**FORT POINT CHANNEL LANDMARK DISTRICT COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

Held virtually via Zoom

October 13, 2022

Commissioners Present: *David Berarducci, Thomas Rodde, John Karoff*

Commissioners Absent: *Lynn Smiledge, Susan Goganian*

Staff Present: *Rachel Ericksen, Preservation Planner*

A full recording of the hearing is available at: <https://www.boston.gov/historic-district/fort-point-channel-landmark-district>

There were no members of the press present.

6:00 PM: Chair D. Berarducci 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 via the online meeting platform Zoom in order to review Design Review applications. He also briefly explained how to participate in this online hearing. He then called the design review hearing to order.

I. DESIGN REVIEW HEARING

APP # 23.0268 FPC

ADDRESS: 44 THOMSON PLACE

Applicant: Bernard Lebow

Proposed work: Install building signage including metal letters on the façade and a mounted flag sign.

Project Representatives: Bernard Lebow was the project representative.

Documents Presented: Photos of existing conditions and plans of the proposed work.

Discussion Topics: Commissioners discussed the proposed signage, where the signs would be located on the building, their size and how they would be installed.

Public Comment: Sara McCammond voiced concern over the number of signs and their size.



Thomas Rodde motioned to approve the application with provisos. J. Karoff seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 (Y: DB, JK, TR) (N: None) (Abs: None)

- **Selecting the second option where the letters are mounted to the red brick above the beige rectangle:**
 - **Miller Knoll branding should be moved to the left window with a mock up submitted to staff for approval**
 - **Blade sign extension should be 2x2 inches.**

APP # 23.0284 FPC

ADDRESS: 36 THOMSON PLACE

Applicant: Nathan Turner

Proposed work: Install three new signs including a wall mounted horizontal panel, a wall mounted blade, and a wall mounted placard.

Project Representatives: Nathan Turner was the project representative.

Documents Presented: Photos of existing conditions and plans of the proposed work.

Discussion Topics: Commissioners discussed the size of the proposed signage, the medium for signs, their placement as well as their installation.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

T. Rodde motioned to approve the application with provisos. J. Karoff seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 (Y: DB, JK, TR) (N: None) (Abs: None)

- **Placard sign to be removed and a visual solution in stencil format (with some scaling up of the lettering ok) applied to the window space - either the upper sash to the window to the right of the door or over the transom with final approval delegated to staff;**
- **Blade sign as shown to the left of the door should be placed slightly more to the left. *****

APP # 23.0214 FPC

ADDRESS: 308 CONGRESS STREET

Applicant: Amy Auerbach

Proposed work: Install an "Automatic Caution Door" sticker on the left street-facing door on Congress Street; install handicapped access button; install new door operator mounted on interior door.

Project Representatives: Scott Winkler was the project representative.



Documents Presented: Photos of existing conditions and plans of the proposed work.

Discussion Topics: Commissioners discussed the placement of the sticker, button and door operator as well as their installation.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

T. Rodde motioned to approve the application as submitted. J. Karoff seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 (Y: DB, JK, TR) (N: None) (Abs: None)

APP # 23.0169 FPC

ADDRESS: 313 CONGRESS STREET

Applicant: Rich Posluszny

Proposed work: Demolish and remove existing carport located in the parking lot behind 313 Congress Street with no proposed change in the layout or number of parking spaces.

Project Representatives: Rich Posluszny was the project representative.

Documents Presented: Photos of existing conditions and plans of the proposed work.

Discussion Topics: Commissioners discussed the demolition of the carport as well as the preservation and later re-installation of the Harborwalk sign.

Public Comment: Sara McCammond voiced concern over the flood pathway.

J. Karoff motioned to approve the application with provisos. T. Rodde seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 (Y: DB, JK, TR) (N: None) (Abs: None)

- Save the harborwalk sign and that at a later time a new location for it be found and presented to staff for review.

II. RATIFICATION 8/11/2022, 9/8/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

J. Karoff motioned to approve the minutes, T. Rodde seconded. The vote was 3-0 (Y: DB, TR, JK) (N: None) (Abs: None).

III. ADJOURNMENT: 7:30 PM

T. Rodde motioned to adjourn, J. Karoff seconded. The vote was 3-0 (Y: DB, TR, JK) (N: None) (Abs: None).