

Boston Landmarks Commission

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Boston Landmarks Commission Advisory Review

Advisory Review is offered, at the discretion of the Secretary, for review of large or complex projects in the early stages of design. Advisory review allows the Commission the opportunity to review preliminary proposals and offer non-binding comments on complex issues during the early design phase. Advisory Reviews are voluntary, non-binding design reviews that do not result in an approval of the proposal, but a record of the Commission discussion from the hearing. A complete Application for Certificate of Design Approval will be required as the project moves forward.

An applicant seeking Advisory Review should consult with Commission staff prior to requesting an Advisory Review. Advisory applicants must submit, by the filing deadline, a written request for review and a copy of all documents to be presented at the hearing. The request may utilize the Application for Certificate of Design Approval form, so long as the completed form clearly indicates it is a request for Advisory Review only. Advisory Reviews will be listed on the hearing agenda and will follow the same notice procedures as other applications.

Advisory Review is not to be a substitute for staff consultation and formal review and is not appropriate for projects in the advanced stages of design. Applicants will be limited to two Advisory Reviews before a formal application is required.