



CITY OF BOSTON

THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

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NOTICE OF MEETING

BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION

5:45 PM
TUESDAY, August 26, 2014
Room 900, CITY HALL

After 5:30 pm, enter and exit City Hall at Dock Square entrance (on Congress Street, across from Faneuil Hall).

Subject of the Business Meeting/Public Hearing will be action on the agenda below, and such other business as may come before the Commission in accordance with Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended. Sign language interpreters are available upon request. The Commission requests all cellphones and other electronic communication devices be turned off before entering the hearing room.

BUSINESS MEETING

Items may be reviewed up to 30 minutes prior the time listed below (but no earlier than 5:45 pm).

- 5:45 pm** **1. Discussion and vote on Design Review Applications.**
The Design Review Committee will present summaries of applicants and make recommendations for a vote on each agenda item discussed at the Design Review Hearing, which met on 8/26/14 from 4:00-5:45 pm.*(See page 2 of this agenda).
- 6:00 pm** **2. Review and ratification of 8/12/14 meeting minutes.**
- 6:05 pm** **3. Survey Rating Category Policy Revision.**
Commission discussion and vote on revising the current Survey Rating Category Policy to streamline the process by which buildings petitioned for Landmark designation, without a prior survey rating or with a prior survey rating of Local Significance or lower, are preliminarily evaluated. The purpose of the policy revision is to avoid raising petitioner, owner and community expectations unnecessarily, and to avoid undue burden on BLC staff and the Commission.
- 6:15 pm** **4. Property Updates and Staff Reports.**
- 6:20 pm** **5. Projected Adjournment.**

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www.cityofboston.gov/landmarks

Chair Lynn Smiledge, Vice Chair John Freeman, John Amodeo, David Berarducci, Susan Goganian, Christopher Hart, Kirsten Hoffman, Thomas Hotaling, Adam Hundley, Felicia Jacques, Diana Parcon, Susan D. Pranger, Richard Yeager, Executive Director Ellen J. Lipsey

cc: Mayor/ City Council/ City Clerk/ Boston Redevelopment Authority/ Law Department/ Parks Department/ Inspectional Services Department/ Boston Art Commission/ Neighborhood Services/ Owner(s)/ Applicants/ Abutters/ Massachusetts Historical Commission/ Boston Preservation Alliance

* The Design Review Committee of the Boston Landmarks Commission reviews Violations and Applications for Certificate of Design Approval at the afternoon Design Review Hearings, prior to the business meeting. The following items are listed for reference only; contact BLC staff at 617-635-3850 to request further information. Applicants listed below under Violations or Design Review **MUST** attend the Design Review afternoon hearing, but are not required to attend this evening meeting. Applicants listed under Administrative Review/Approval are not required to attend either hearing. See detailed references on the following page.

Applications are available for public inspection during normal business hours.

Violation: 4:00 pm

Donald McKay House
80 White Street, East Boston

Re: Replacement of windows, removal of siding from the barn, and earth work without prior application or approval.

Design Review: 4:15 pm

(4:15 pm) 185 Franklin Street
New England Telephone
Application: #15.151 (235.15.01) Accelerated Design Review
Re: Signage for Hale and Hearty restaurant.

(4:30 pm) Boylston Building
2 Boylston Street
Application: #15.036 (29.15.01) Design Review Continued
Applicant: Paul Osborn for the Boston Redevelopment Authority
Re: Proposed redesign of the storefront.

(5:00 pm) Quincy Market
South Market Street
Application: #15.211 (177.15.01) Design Review
Re: Installation of wood deck.

5:45 pm Full Commission Hearing

The Design Review Committee will present summaries of applications and make recommendations for a vote at the Boston Landmarks Commission hearing.

Administrative Review / Approval:

In order to expedite the review process, the commission has delegated the approval of certain work items, such as those involving ordinary maintenance and repair, restoration or replacement, or which otherwise have a minimal impact on a building's appearance, to the staff pending ratification at its monthly public hearing. **Having been identified as meeting these eligibility criteria, the following applications will be approved at the full meeting of the Boston Landmarks Commission.**

Applicants listed under Administrative Review **NEED NOT APPEAR** at the hearing. Following the hearing, please present a copy of this agenda at the Inspectional Services Department (1010 Massachusetts Avenue) when applying for permits. ISD personnel will send an electronic copy of your building-permit application to the Environment Department. (To avoid potential confusion, the text of your building-permit application should be consistent with the project description given below.) Commission staff will accordingly authorize the execution of the work, attaching any applicable provisos, reflecting the relevant guidelines and precedents.

PLEASE NOTE that no further correspondence will be issued for the applications listed below: the electronic building-permit application as annotated by commission staff will constitute your Certificate of Appropriateness. If you have any questions not addressed by the above information, please consult the staff at the telephone #617-635-6850 or at elizabeth.stifel@cityofboston.gov.

Application: #15.150 (66.15.01) Blackstone Block
114-120 Blackstone Street, the Boston Stone Building
Re: Signage for six ground floor businesses and the building.
Determination: Conforms to standards and criteria. Approved with staff follow up.

Application: #15.154 (229.15.01) Charles River Esplanade
Hatch Memorial Shell Lawn, 47 David G. Mugar Way
Re: Restoration of the Hatch Memorial Shell Lawn
Determination: Conforms to standards and criteria. Approved.

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Application: #15.204 (05.15.01) Public Garden
Arlington Street
Re: Redesign of planting beds and new/reused planting beds adjacent to the Marlborough Street Gate.
Determination: Conforms to standards and criteria. Approved.

Application: #15.208 (04.15.02) Boston Common
Beacon and Park Streets
Re: Installation of a water line next to a previously installed irrigation line in Liberty Mall.
Determination: Conforms to standards and criteria. Approved.

Application: #15.209 (05.15.02) Public Garden
Re: Installation of 17 audio tour units for use with smartphone app.
Determination: Conforms to standards and criteria. Approved.

Application: #15.212 (113.15.02) Filene's Building
426 Washington Street
Re: Construction signage for Roche Bros. Installed from August 2014 and to early 2015.
Determination: Conforms to standards and criteria. Approved.

Application: #15.214 (04.15.03) Public Garden
Beacon and Charles Streets
Re: Upgrade existing pedestrian ramps to be compliant with MAAB using City of Boston standards for historic districts.
Determination: Conforms to standards and criteria. Approved.

Application: #15.215 (05.15.03) Boston Common
Beacon Street between Charles and Park Street
Re: Upgrade sidewalk to be compliant with MAAB using City of Boston standards for historic districts.
Determination: Conforms to standards and criteria. Approved.