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Board Meeting Minutes – August 12, 2024 Teams Meeting

This meeting was open to the public and began at approximately 9:04 AM

Architectural Access Board member attendance: Dawn Guarriello, Chairperson (DG) Patricia Mendez, Vice Chairperson (PM) Elizabeth Myska (EM) Kathryn Denis (KD) Pamela Daly (PD) Mary Mahon-McCauley (MM) David Johnson (DJ) Joe Prochilo (JP)

Division of Occupational Licensure Employees attendance: William Joyce – AAB Executive Director (WJ) Jamie Dalton – Board Counsel (JaD)

Andrew Chase – Compliance Officer (AC)

Molly Griffin – Program Coordinator (MG)

DG opened the meeting for Roll Call: PM, PD, DJ, EM, JP, KD, MM joins late

1. 9:06 AM

V24-132 100 Corthell Avenue, Whitman

Exhibit – Variance Application and associated documents

WJ presented documentation – Discussion of Variance:

KD recuses

Motion to Grant as proposed by PM 2nd by JP By Acclamation/Carried

Request #2 Motion to Grant by PD 2nd by JP By Acclamation/Carried

2. 9:15 AM

C22-010 & V24-133

Map 20, Parcel 310,

Westborough

Exhibit – Variance Application and associated documents WJ presented documentation – Discussion of Variance:

Motion to Table until next meeting by DJ

2nd by PD

By Acclamation/Carried

3. 9:18 AM

V24-134

501 Shrewsbury Street, Worcester

Exhibit – Variance Application and associated documents WJ presented documentation – Discussion of Variance:

Secondary Entrance Ramp Motion to Grant by PM 2nd by PD By Acclamation/Carried

Accessible Route

Motion to Grant if they provide wayfinding signage and lighting by PD

2nd by DJ

By Acclamation/Carried

Motion to Provide Notice that their current parking layout does not meet the van parking requirements by DJ

2nd by PD

By Acclamation/Carried

4. 9:28 AM V24-135 423 West Broadway, South Boston

Exhibit – Variance Application and associated documents WJ presented documentation – Discussion of Variance:

Motion to Continue for more information on the seating plan in the lower area by PD 2nd by KD By Acclamation/Carried

5. 9:32 AM V24-136 747 Washington Street, Holliston

Exhibit – Variance Application and associated documents WJ presented documentation – Discussion of Variance:

Motion to Continue for more information regarding 2nd floor tenants by DJ 2nd by PD By Acclamation/Carried

6. 9:34 AM V24-137 Winship Street, Allston

Exhibit- Variance application and associated documents WJ presented documentation- Discussion of Variance

Location 1 Motion to Grant by DJ 2nd by PD By Acclamation/Carried

Location 2 Motion to Grant timed relief by KD 2nd by DJ By Acclamation/Carried

Location 3 Motion to Grant by PD 2nd by DJ By Acclamation/Carried

7. 9:44 AM V24-138 25 Porter Street, East Boston

WJ presented documentation- Discussion of Variance

Motion to Grant by DJ 2nd by PD By Acclamation/Carried 8. 9:49 AM V24-139 47-49 Winter Street, Boston

WJ presented documentation- Discussion of Variance

Motion to Grant by DJ

2nd by PD

By Acclamation/Carried

Motion to Schedule a Hearing by DJ

2nd by KD

By Acclamation/Carried

9. 10:05 AM V24-140 55 West Main Street, Westborough

WJ presented documentation- Variance application

Motion to Packet by DJ

2nd by JP

By Acclamation/Carried

10. 10:06 AM V24-141 139 Pleasant Street, Marblehead

WJ presented documentation- Variance application

Motion to Continue for more information on the lift size and the residential use by

DJ

2nd by KD

By Acclamation/Carried

11. 10:08 AM V24-142 110-114 Main Street, Gardner

WJ presented documentation- Variance application

Motion to Continue for a test drawing and a cost estimation of a lift to the retail space by KD

2nd by DJ

By Acclamation/Carried

12. 10:23 AM Advisory Opinion 2 Hamilton Street,

Taunton

WJ presented documentation- Advisory Opinion

Motion to Find that the regulations mean measure wall to door by PM

2nd by MM

By Acclamation/Carried

13. 10:33AM Advisory Opinion WJ presented documentation- Advisory Opinion

Motion to Find that measurements should be taken from the leading edge of the base of the or the face of the wall whichever projects further by MM 2^{nd} by DJ

By Acclamation/Carried

14. 10:41 AM V23-024 345 Chelsea Street, East Boston WJ presented documentation- amended application

Motion to Continue for clarifying if this is new information or leftover from previous discussions by KD

2nd by JP

By Acclamation/Carried

15. 10:43 AM V23-030 497 Main Street, Melrose WJ presented documentation- status report

Motion to Accept status report by PM

2nd by JP

By Acclamation/Carried

16. 10:44 AM V24-094 590 East Broadway, South Boston

WJ presented documentation- feasibility study

Motion to Grant for this use only by MM

2nd by PM

By Acclamation/Carried

17. 10:53 AM V24-108 Osgood and Broadway, Methuen

WJ presented documentation- feasibility study

Motion to Grant by PM

2nd by PD

By Acclamation/Carried

18. 10:55 AM Minutes and Decisions

Motion to Approve minutes and decisions by PM

2nd by JP

By Acclamation/Carried

19. 10:41 AM V24-089 19 Waterville Street, North Grafton WJ presented documentation- additional information

Motion to Grant on the condition that they provide the second handrail by KD 2^{nd} by PD

By Acclamation/Carried

11:00 AM Hearing V22-138 One Westinghouse Plaza, Hyde Park DG opened the hearing, introduced the Board, and established procedures. Exhibit #1 AAB 1-37 is noted. Participants Chris Fuller makes the case for their variance application regarding their mezzanine space in the brewery space. Exhibit #2 new floor plans are shown. Discussions and questions of Hearing:

Michael Muehe testifies on behalf of BCIL, noting this could have been avoided if the mezzanine was made accessible from the start and that people with disabilities should not bear the burden of architects' mistakes. Notes that 5 years is too long. BCIL would support a shorter relief time for the construction to take place. He states that there would be a substantial and long-lasting benefit for people with disabilities to reach that mezzanine space.

Motion to Grant 2 year time relief with a status report every 6 months with no additional extensions by DJ

2nd by MM

By Acclamation/Carried

20. 11:40 AM

DG noted that open meeting discussion of litigation regarding may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Board. The Open Meeting would resume at 1 p.m.

Easy Street, Nantucket

Motion to enter Executive Session M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to litigation by DJ.

V22-093

2nd by PM

Roll Call Vote

DG- yes

PM- yes

KD- yes

PD- yes

DJ- yes

MM- yes

EM- yes

JP- yes

21. 1:00 PM Hearing

V23-185/C23-009

Alpine Place and Row,

Franklin

DG opened the hearing, introduced the Board, and established procedures. Participants Michael Maglio, Robert Cantoreggi, and Stephan Accad are sworn in. Exhibit #1 AAB 1-40 and Exhibit #2 a sidewalk improvement plan are noted. Robert Cantoreggi and Michael Maglio discuss and present details of the sidewalk improvement plan. Stephan Accad shares details of his experience with this particular curb cut. Discussions and questions of Hearing:

Motion to Deny by PM 2nd by DJ By Acclamation/Carried

Motion to Find the complaint is valid by DJ 2nd by PM By Acclamation/Carried

Motion to Submit a plan for compliance 60 days from receipt by DJ 2nd by PD By Acclamation/Carried

Motion to Expedite Decision by DJ 2nd by PM By Acclamation/Carried

22. 2:00 PM Hearing V23-158 Avondale and Richmond Street, Boston DG opened the hearing, introduced the Board, and established procedures. Participants Yasmeen Logan, Michael Sinclair, and Michael Muehe are sworn in. Exhibit #1 AAB 1-101 is noted. Yasmeen Logan give the presentation on the curb cut in question. Exhibit #2 Google images are shown by Yasmeen. Michael Sinclair adds some details. Discussions and questions of Hearing:

KD Recuses

Michael Muehe testifies on behalf of the BCIL noting that BCIL does not have any opposition to this variance, but requests the Board asks the City does not allow overgrowth of foliage onto the street, and that appropriate wayfinding signage be put up.

Motion to Grant with the conditions of monitoring the overgrowth by PD 2nd by JP By Acclamation/Carried

23. 2:31 PM V24-101 1418-1440 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford WJ Presented documentation- MHC Letter and additional information

Motion to Grant under the condition that auto-door openers are provided at the three inaccessible entrances by KD 2nd by PD By Acclamation/Carried

24. 2:33 PM V24-120 189-191 Adams Street, Newton WJ Presented documentation- additional information

Motion to Request information from the Newton Assessor's Office by MM 2^{nd} by PM By Acclamation/Carried

Respectfully submitted, Molly Griffin, Program Coordinator

Exhibit List

- Whitman Middle School, 100 Corthell Avenue, Whitman (V24-123)
 - o Exhibit Variance Application and associated documents
- West Main Memorial Cemetery, Map 20 Parcel 310, Westborough (V24-133 & C22-010)
 - o Exhibit Variance Application and associated documents
- Pho Sure Restaurant, 501 Shrewsbury Street, Worcester (V24-134)
 - o Exhibit Variance Application and associated documents
- Broadway Golf, 423 West Broadway, South Boston (V24-135)
 - o Exhibit Variance Application and associated documents
- Timothy Fiske House, 747 Washington Street, Holliston (V24-136)
 - o Exhibit Variance Application and associated documents
- Curb Cuts, Winship Street at Eulita Terrace, Winship Street at Union Street, and Winship Street at Peaceable Street, Allston (V24-137)
 - o Exhibit Variance Application and associated documents
- London Flats Condominium, 25 Porter Street, East Boston (V24-138)
 - o Exhibit Variance Application and associated documents
- Mixed Use Building, 47-49 Winter Street, Boston (V24-139)
 - o Exhibit Variance Application and associated documents
- Westborough Public Library, 55 West Main Street, Westborough (V24-140)
 - o Exhibit Variance Application and associated documents
- Mixed Use Building, 139 Pleasant Street, Marblehead (V24-141)
 - o Exhibit- Variance Application and associated documents
- Mixed Use Building, 110-114 Main Street, Gardner (V24-142)
 - o Exhibit- Variance Application and associated documents
- Easy Street Park, Easy Street, Nantucket (V22-093)
 - o Exhibit- Decision
- Commercial Building, 345 Chelsea Street, East Boston (V23-024)
 - o Exhibit- Amended Application
- Melrose Family YMCA, 497 Main Street, Melrose (V23-030)
 - Exhibit- Status Report
- Mixed Use Building, 590 East Broadway, South Boston (V24-094)
 - o Exhibit- Additional Information
- The Capitol Theater, 1418-1440 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford (V24-101)
 - Exhibit- Additional information
- Curb Ramp, Corner of Osgood Street and Broadway, Methuen (V24-108)
 - Exhibit- Additional information
- Mixed Use Building, 189-191 Adams Street, Newton (V24-120)
 - o Exhibit- Additional information
- Residential Building, 100 South Campus Drive, Boston (V24-131)
 - o Exhibit- Additional information
- Advisory Opinion, 2 Hamilton Street, Taunton
 - o Exhibit- Advisory opinion
- Advisory Opinion, Wall mounted protruding objects
 - o Exhibit- Advisory opinion

- Roundhead Brewing Company, 1 Westinghouse Plaza, Hyde Park (V22-138)
 - o Exhibit #1- AAB 1-37
 - o Exhibit #2- floor plan
- Curb Cut, Alpine Place and Row, Franklin (V23-185)
 - o Exhibit #1- AAB 1-40
 - o Exhibit #2- sidewalk improvement plan
- Curb Cut, Avondale and Richmond Street, Boston (V23-158)
 - Exhibit #1 AAB 1-101
 - o Exhibit #2- Google images
- Minutes and decisions to approve from July 29, 2024
 - o July 15, 2024 minutes
 - o Draft decisions from July 29, 2024