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Minutes

BRS Building Code Appeals Board (BCAB)
Meeting Location: Virtual Microsoft Teams-Meeting
February 9, 2023

Meeting Called to order by the Chairman John Couture, at 9:30 a.m. followed by Roll call:

Board Members Present:

David Riquinha
John Couture, Chairman
Kent Vinson

Guests Present:

See sign-in sheet for each case:

- Case Number:** 23-0002
Appellant: Tara Gregory (Owner-SCD 380 Stuart LLC)
Property Address: 380 Stuart Street, Boston, MA. 02110
Summary of Case: Appellants sought relief from 780 CMR 705.8, 706.1.1, with respect to new construction.

Kent Vinson made a **MOTION** that was **SECONDED** by David Riquinha, to **GRANT** variances from **780 CMR 705.8** and **706.1.1**, noting that ISD does not oppose the BCAB's allowing the requested relief. The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

- Case Number:** 23-0003
Appellant: Jenna Serafim (Owner-Alexandria Real Estate)
Property Address: 311 Arsenal Street, Watertown, MA. 02472
Summary of Case: Appellants sought relief from 780 CMR Section 104.11 and 406.4.1, with respect to an existing parking garage.

David Riquinha made a **MOTION** that was **SECONDED** by Kent Vinson, to **GRANT** a variance from **780 CMR 406.4.1**, for reduction of the garage ceiling height from 7'-1" to 6'-7" on condition that the signage visible to drivers of motor vehicles be placed at a height of 6'-5" at the base of the ramp entering the second level of the garage. The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.



3. **Case Number:** 23-0004
Appellant: Theodore Galante (Owner-City of Cambridge)
Property Address: 491 Broadway, Cambridge, MA. 02138
Summary of Case: Appellants sought relief from 2015 IBC Section 907.4.2, and 301.1.4.2, with respect to an existing building.

Kent Vinson made a **MOTION** that was **SECONDED** by David Riquinha, to **AFFIRM** the Building Commissioner's determination that **MGL Chapter 143, Section 3U** requires permanent labeling of the glazing. The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

4. **Case Number:** 23-0005
Appellant: Matthew Fournier (Owner-Naval Power Systems, Inc.)
Property Address: 166 Boulder Drive, Fitchburg, MA. 01420
Summary of Case: Appellants sought relief from 780 CMR 1612.1 and 1612.4, with respect to new construction.

Kent Vinson made a **MOTION** that was **SECONDED** by David Riquinha, to **DENY** granting variances from **780 CMR 1612.1** and **1612.4**. The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

5. **Case Number:** 23-0006
Appellant: Brian Kuhn (Owner-Trustees of Wentworth Institute for Tech.)
Property Address: 600 Parker Street, Boston, MA. 02120
Summary of Case: Appellants sought relief from 780 CMR 706.1.1, with respect to new construction.

Kent Vinson made a **MOTION** that was **SECONDED** by David Riquinha, to **GRANT** a variance from **780 CMR 706.1.1**. The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.