

ZONING COMMISSION, CITY OF BOSTON

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 16, 2003

Room 900, City Hall, Boston

Attendance

Commissioners

Robert L. Marr, Chairman	
Building Trade Employers' Association	Present
Robert L. Fondren	
Boston Society of Architects	Present
Jay Hurley	
Greater Boston Massachusetts Labor Council AFL/CIO	Present
James C. Clark	
Mayor's Selection	Present
William Tarlow	
Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay	Absent
Denise Doyle	
Mayor's Selection	Present
Ralph Cooper	
Franklin Field South Neighborhood Association	Present
M. Pat Tierney	
Greater Boston Real Estate Board	Present
Nelson Arroyo	
Mayor's Selection	Present
Jill Hatton	
Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce	Present
Jane Brayton	
Neighborhood Association	Present

Staff

Rick Shaklik	
Deputy Director for Zoning/ Advisor to the Commission	Present
Jeffrey M. Hampton	
Secretary to the Commission	Present

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Chairman Marr called the meeting to order at 9:05 and opened the public hearing on Map Amendment Application No. 479 and a petition for approval of the Boston University Charles River Campus Institutional Master Plan.

The following spoke in favor of the petition:

Rick Shaklik – Advisor to the Commission
John O'Brien, Senior Project Manager BRA
Richard Towle, Boston University
Bob Kenney, Kenney Development
Jamie Fay, Ft. Pt. Associates
Chris Chandor, Trammel Crow Co.
Tara Napolitano, MONS

Mr. Shaklik presented the petitions to the Commission and stated what was being asked of the Commission in approving the proposed map amendment and Institutional Master Plan ("IMP"). Mr. Shaklik introduced John O'Brien, Senior Project Manager.

Mr. O'Brien restated what was being asked of the Commission and reviewed the Article 80 IMP Review process. He stated that Boston University would have a brief presentation. The current IMP in front of the Commission had gone through extensive community review and as a result was in its fourth revision. He introduced Dick Towle.

Mr. Towle gave a brief introduction on the IMP and two proposed projects (Science and Engineering Building and Graduate Housing) as well as a brief history of past IMPs. He introduces Bob Kenney.

Mr. Kenney stated that the three previous IMPs are substantially similar (1986-96, 1997-2002, and 2003-2010). Mr. Kenney gave a presentation on the success of Boston University's IMPs and the newly created facilities which are referenced in the proposed IMP.

Jamie Fay gave a presentation on the Life Sciences and Engineering Building. He references the proposed IMP for dimensions and design.

Chris Chandor gave a presentation on the 580 Commonwealth Avenue Graduate Housing project. The proposed IMP is also referenced for details of the structures layout and dimensions.

Mr. Towle went over the Article 80 review process already presented by Mr. O'Brien and went over the public benefits to the City (BRA Board Memo).

Tara Napolitano spoke in favor of the petitions.

Commissioner Tierney asked what plans were in place to cap the number of students so that there is no excess?

Mr. Towle stated that the standards have been increased and are still working on that issue.

Chairman Marr declared the petitioner's case closed at 9:29 AM.

There was no opposition

Chairman Marr stated that the matter would be taken under advisement and would be discussed at the business meeting to follow and also extended an invitation to the public to attend the business meeting.

The hearing was declared closed at 9:29 AM.

Chairman Marr Opened the Business Meeting at 9:30 AM

1. Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve Map Amendment Application No. 479 and a petition for the Boston University Charles River Campus Institutional Master Plan 2003-2010, both as submitted. Commissioner Tierney seconded the motion. Mr. Marr put the motion to vote:

Yeas: 10

Mr. Hurley, Ms. Brayton, Mr. Marr, Mr. Fondren, Mr. Arroyo, Ms. Tierney, Ms. Doyle, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Clark, Ms. Hatton.

Nays: 0

The motion was declared carried.

Chairman Marr adjourned the meeting at 9:40 AM

Secretary