

ZONING COMMISSION, CITY OF BOSTON

MINUTES

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

Room 900, City Hall, Boston

Attendance

Commissioners

David Marr	
Building Trade Employers' Association	Present
Vacancy	
Boston Society of Architects	
Jay Hurley, Chairman	
Greater Boston Massachusetts Labor Council AFL/CIO	Present
Vacancy	
Mayor's Selection	
Vacancy	
Neighborhood Association	
Jill Hatton	
Mayor's Selection	Present
Michael Nichols	
Audubon Circle Neighborhood Association	Present
Michael DiMella	
Greater Boston Real Estate Board	Present
Nelson Arroyo	
Mayor's Selection	Present
Drew Leff	
Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce	Present
Jane Brayton, Vice Chairwoman	
Neighborhood Association	Present

Staff

Bryan Glascock	
Deputy Director for Zoning and Regulatory Reform	Present
Jeffrey M. Hampton	
Executive Secretary to the Commission	Present

PUBLIC HEARING

This meeting was recorded.

1. Mr. Hurley called the meeting to order at 9:09 AM and opened the hearing regarding the 5th Amendment to the Northeastern University IMP.

The following spoke in favor of the Proposed Project:

Quinn Valcich, Project Manager, BPDA.
Viktorija Abolina, Associate Vice President – Northeastern University
Dan Cohen, Northeastern University

Quinn Valcich presented the 5th Amendment to the Commission and spoke to the public process as well as the Article 80 approval.

Viktorija Abolina went into greater detail of the proposed expansion of the Snell Library. There was a slide presentation during all of the testimony offered by the development team (see file).

Dan Cohen Spoke to the community programming as well as Northeastern's collections at the library.

Commissioner Hatton asked if the Commission would be seeing a new IMP seeing that the current one expires in 2023.

Ms. Abolina stated that they have already begun the process and are hoping to submit their new IMP in the Fall of 2023.

The hearing was closed at 9:21 am.

Chairman Hurley stated that the Commission would go into a Business Meeting to discuss the previous hearing.

Commissioner Hatton made a motion to adopt the Fifth Amendment to the Northeastern University 2013-2023 Institutional Master Plan, as submitted.

Commissioner Brayton seconded the motion.

Chairman Hurley put the motion to a vote:

Yea: Brayton, Leff, Hatton, Nichols, DiMella, Marr, Arroyo, Hurley

Nay: None

The motion carried 8-0.

2. Mr. Hurley opened the hearing regarding Text Amendment Application No. 506 and Map Amendment Application No. 747 with respect to the East Boston Interim Planning Overlay District (“IPOD”) Extension of Time.

The following spoke in favor of the Proposed Project:

Jeff Hampton, Senior Zoning Planner

Jeff Hampton presented the petitions to the Commission and stated that the BPDA was asking for a one-year extension to the IPOD that was established in 2018 and is set to expire on November 11, 2022. This extension would be until November of 2023 to allow PLAN: East Boston to be completed.

The hearing was closed at 9:25 am.

Chairman Hurley stated that the Commission would go into a Business Meeting to discuss the previous hearing.

Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve Text Amendment Application No. 506 and Map Amendment Application No. 747 with respect to the East Boston Interim Planning Overlay District (“IPOD”) Extension of Time.

Commissioner Brayton seconded the motion.

Chairman Hurley put the motion to a vote:

Yea: Brayton, Leff, Hatton, Nichols, DiMella, Marr, Arroyo, Hurley

Nay: None

The motion carried 8-0.

Chairman Hurley adjourned the meeting at 9:29 AM

Executive Secretary