



**MISSION HILL TRIANGLE ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

Held virtually via Zoom

August 3, 2023

Commissioners Present: Patricia Tongue Edraos, Ellen Moore, Cindy Gura Walling, Katie Genovese

Commissioners Absent: Kirsten Hoffman

Staff Present: Rachel Ericksen, Preservation Planner

A full recording of the hearing is available at:

<https://www.boston.gov/historic-district/mission-hill-triangle-architectural-conservation-district>

6:03 PM: Meeting started.

I. ADVISORY REVIEW

ADDRESS: 1615-1617 TREMONT STREET

TIME 6:04 PM

Applicant: Joshua Sydney

Proposed work: At the combined parcel of 1615-1617 Tremont Street: demolition of existing structure at 1617 Tremont Street; build new structure with full basement and four stories of new construction above grade. Repair and restore facade of 1615 Tremont Street; demo rear facade and connect to new 1617 Tremont street building with new contiguous floors at each level.

Project Representative: Karen Greene, Madison Rodgers, and Joshua Sydney were the project representatives.

Documents Presented: Photos of existing conditions, plans, and details for the proposed work.

Discussion Topics: The Commissioners discussed the height of the proposed new building (that a 35' height is generally observed), the massing (how it dwarfs the row houses), that it seems non-conforming when compared to other buildings, would like to see more setback, that the building is very institutional in terms of design and that 1615, the row house that is being restored is swallowed up by the new building proposal. The Commissioners appreciated the effort regarding the 1615 restoration. The Commissioners would like to see the new building's floors lineup with 1615, would like to see the renderings without trees, want to see more regarding the alley design and generally want to see the design modified to reflect a better harmony between the two



buildings so that its introduction into such a small, mainly residential district is less jarring. Excited to welcome the group to the neighborhood.

Public Comment: Alison Pultinas asked if there were any historic photos of what was on the site before the existing building was erected. She thinks 1615 is being swallowed up by the new building and landscaping would be wonderful to see.

II. RATIFICATION OF MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner E. Moore motioned to approve. Commissioner K. Genova seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (KG, PE, EM, CW) (N: None) (Abs: None).

STAFF UPDATES

Adjourn – 7:15 PM

Commissioner C. Walling motioned to adjourn. Commissioner E. Moore seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 (KG, PE, EM, CW) (N: None) (Abs: None).