

MINUTES OF THE MID CAMBRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION

Monday, June 3, 2024, 6:00 PM, online Zoom meeting

Commission Members present: Tony Hsiao, *Chair* Charles Redmon, Katinka Hakuta, *Members*, Catherine Tice, Nan Laird, *Alternates*

Absent: Lestra Litchfield, *Vice Chair*, Monika Pauli, *Member*; Catherine Tice, Nan Laird, *Alternates*

Staff present: Allison Crosbie, Preservation Administrator

Members of the Public: See attached list

This meeting was held via online zoom webinar <https://tinyurl.com/MCJune2024> with remote participation and was closed to in-person attendance. The public was able to participate online via the Zoom webinar platform. The meeting ID was 860 5778 1264.

Commission Chair Tony Hsiao made introductions, explained the process for the hearing, and called the meeting to order at 6:03.

MC-7015: 17R Ellsworth Avenue, Larch Properties LLC. Install roof solar panels.

Ms. Allison Crosbie, Preservation Administrator, introduced the project and showed slides of the property and explained that the review is non binding.

Mr. Matthew Honkonen, the solar panel designer and installer from East Coast Solar, shared his screen and presented the proposal to install solar panels on the front of the side gabled structure. He pointed out that they will be installed on the three roof planes and that only 6 solar panels will actually be visible from a public way. He also showed the location of the conduit along the left side of the structure that will transfer the energy to the panel servicing the home. He also showed the location of the junction box next to the utility meter.

Commission Questions - none

Public Questions – none

Public Comments

Ms. Crosbie read into the record an email from Aram Harrow of 19 Ellsworth Avenue in support of the proposal.

Commission Comments

Mr. Hsiao asked the Commission if there were any comments. Commissioner Chuck Redmon said it was a good, straightforward proposal. Commissioner Katinka Hakuta agreed.

Mr. Hsiao asked for a motion. Mr. Redmon moved to approve the proposal as presented. Ms. Hakuta seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Honkonen thanked the Commission and expressed his hope to do more projects in Cambridge. Ms. Paulke Corstens, the tenant at 17R Ellsworth Avenue, also thanked the Commission and Ms. Crosbie for guiding her through the application process.

The May 6, 2024 minutes were unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Allison A. Crosbie, Preservation Administrator

Members of the Public Present on June 3, 2024**Panelists:**

Matthew Honkonen, solar panel designer

Pauke Corstens, applicant

17R Ellsworth Avenue

Attendees: