

Minutes of the Cambridge Historical Commission [Excerpt]

May 25, 2017 - Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, Cambridge Rindge & Latin School, 459 Broadway - 6:00 P.M.

Members present: William King, *Chair*; Bruce Irving, *Vice Chair*; William Barry, Robert Crocker, Chandra Harrington, *Members*; Joseph Ferrara, Kyle Sheffield, *Alternates*

Members absent: Jo Solet, *Member*; Susannah Tobin, *Alternate*

Staff present: Charles Sullivan, *Executive Director*; Samantha Elliott, *Preservation Administrator*

Case 3678: 1-7 & 9-11 JFK St. and 18-20 Brattle St., by Harvard Collection LLC c/o James J. Rafferty, Esq. (continued). Renovate 1-7 JFK St. and 18-20 Brattle St. Demolish building at 9-11 JFK St. (with frontage also on Brattle St.) and construct new infill building, alter storefronts, and construct upper story addition.

Mr. Irving moved to adopt the following motion:

The Cambridge Historical Commission approves in principle a Certificate of Appropriateness for the project as presented on May 25, 2017 [shown on plans by Prellwitz Chilinski Associates dated April 11, 2017, and plans of the same date described as revised May 25, 2017] with respect to its massing, scale, and general exterior design, finding that demolition and replacement of the Corcoran's/Urban Outfitters building conforms to the language of the Harvard Square Conservation District guidelines for demolition, and that the proposed infill replacement building, and the renovations and additions to the other buildings conform to the guidelines for new construction and additions in such district, subject to further Commission review and approval of the following features:

- The entrances of the Abbot Building and 18 Brattle Street;
- The cornice returns of the Abbot Building;
- The walled-up window openings in the west elevation of 18 Brattle Street;
- The number and design of the storefronts and associated signage;
- The cladding material of the penthouse;
- The design and material of the rooftop patio railing;
- Construction materials and details throughout; and
- Exterior restoration details and methods.

And with the further understanding that the applicant should return to the Historical Commission for final approval when Planning Board review has been substantially completed.

Ms. Harrington seconded, and the motion was adopted by a vote of 6-0. [The vote of Mr. Ferrara, who missed earlier hearings and arrived late, was withdrawn on June 2 and is not represented in this tally].