

Minutes of the Harvard Square Conservation District Study Committee

November 18, 2017 – Winthrop Square Park and Harvard Square environs - 10:00 A.M.

Appointed Members present: Christopher Mackin, Jerry Murphy, Jessica Sculley, Kyle Sheffield

Appointed Members not present: Christopher Angelakis, William Barry, Joseph Ferrara

Additional committee participants: Raj Dhanda, Frank Kramer

City staff present: Charles Sullivan, CHC; Sarah Burks, CHC; Suzannah Bigolin, CDD

Public present: John Hawkinson, Peter Kroon, Marilee Meyer, Brad Bellows

Charles Sullivan, Executive Director of the Cambridge Historical Commission (CHC), convened the meeting at 10:04 A.M. and gave an introduction to the neighborhood conservation district and overlay district boundaries. The group departed Winthrop Square Park and made a tour of Harvard Square, stopping at project sites that have been reviewed as part of the Harvard Square Conservation District (HSCD) purview of the Historical Commission.

Stops included the following,

1. Winthrop Square development (two landmarks and new construction; pre-dates HSCD)
2. Galeria Building on Winthrop Street
3. 98 Winthrop Street, The Red House (landmark)
4. 16-18 Eliot Street
5. One Brattle Square (pre-dates the HSCD)
6. 112-114 Mt. Auburn Street, Conductors Building and new building
7. 115 Mt Auburn Street, Waverly Hall
8. 30 Brattle Street
9. Dixon Bros. hardware, Brattle Street
10. Brines Block, Brattle Street
11. 1-8 Brattle Street
12. Read Block (landmark; pre-dates HSCD)
13. 18-24 JFK Street
14. Abbot Building, Corcoran's, corner of Brattle and JFK streets

Sarah Burks, Preservation Planner at the CHC, answered questions about the sign regulations of the zoning code and HSCD.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah L. Burks
Preservation Planner