MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS
AUBURNDALE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

DATE: August 8, 2017

PLACE/TIME: City Hall, Room 205
7:00 p.m.

ATTENDING: Italo Visco, Chair
Patricia Baker, Member
Patricia Bottomley, Member
Nancy Grissom, Member
Martin Smargiassi, Member
Katy Holmes, Commission Staff

ABSENT: Richard Alfred, Member

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Italo Visco presiding as Chair. Voting permanent members were P. Baker, P. Bottomley, N. Grissom and M. Smargiassi. K. Holmes acted as recording secretary and the meeting was digitally recorded on an H2 Zoom recording device.

70 Studio Road, Lasell College – Certificate of Appropriateness
Italo Visco advised that the Commission had letters from a number of abutters and from a lawyer who represented some abutters that requested the meeting be postponed because of the short notice and because many abutters were away. Attorney Steve Buchbinder, who represented Doctor Bruce Leslie and 20 other abutters, noted that he had gone through the site plan and memo but was concerned that Lasell did not have the courtesy to inform them that they intended to file for the August 8th meeting. They only had a one week notice from when they received the abutter notifications. He commented that there were substantial reasons why the lights were not appropriate at the proposed location and thought a site visit was imperative; he also thought that the Commission should see the lights installed at the Newton Highlands playground. Councilor Lenny Gentile said that there had been neighborhood association meetings on the project and he thought there was an agreement with the college not to have meetings during the summer months when people were away. He did not want the meeting opened and wanted the project to be heard in September. Abutter Bruce Leslie wanted the Commission to do a walk-through of the site to better understand the project.
Brian Lever of Epsilon said that Lasell College was prepared to present the application. P. Baker wanted to hear the presentation and to do the walkthrough afterwards to understand the project more; she understood the need to wait until September. N. Grissom agreed with P. Baker that a walk through was important and said that seeing the poles that were already installed at other locations would be important; the Commission was sensitive to lighting issues. I. Visco said he had been to the site and had taken photos. There was agreement that a site visit should be scheduled and that it would be helpful to have a meeting at a room on the Lasell campus. N. Grissom motioned to continue the meeting to September and to have an on-site meeting. P. Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0. I. Visco apologized for the delay but thought this approach would work better and that the Commission and Lasell College could work together in the interim. N. Grissom thanked the applicants for being willing to work with the Commission.

**RECORD OF ACTION:**

**DATE:** August 24, 2017

**SUBJECT:** 70 Studio Road, Lasell College - Continuation

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on August 8, 2017 the Auburndale Historic District Commission, by vote of 5-0,

RESOLVED to continue the review for the project to install two 70-foot field lights at 70 Studio Road, Lasell College to a future regularly scheduled meeting. Representatives from Lasell College told the Commission they were prepared to present their application for lighting at Grellier Field. The Commission requested an on-site meeting to be able to walk the site and ask questions about the project in order to better understand the project and how the proposed lights would fit in to the nature of the neighborhood. Lasell College also agreed to make a room available at the College to host a public hearing following the on-site meeting to be scheduled in September 2017.

Voting in the Affirmative:

Italo Visco, Chair
Nancy Grissom, Member

Patricia Baker, Member
Patricia Bottomley, Member
Martin Smargiassi, Member

204-220 Woodland Road, Lasell College – Certificate of Appropriateness

Diane Parker of Lasell College presented an application to install parking lot lights in the Central Street parking lot. The light fixtures would be the same as the ones that were used throughout campus and would have the light directed down. The lights were being installed for safety.

Materials reviewed

Site maps
Lighting plan
Photographs
Product information

Commission members said the fixtures and lighting plan were appropriate. N. Grissom motioned to approve the proposed lighting with additional options. P. Bottomley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.
RECORD OF ACTION:
DATE: August 18, 2017
SUBJECT: 204-220 Woodland Road, Lasell College - Certificate of Appropriateness

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on August 8, 2017 the Auburndale Historic District Commission, by vote of 5-0,

RESOLVED to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the project as presented at 204-220 Woodland Road, Lasell College to install parking lot lighting with the option to move any of the lights closest to residential abutters.

Voting in the Affirmative:
Italo Visco, Chair Patricia Baker, Member Patricia Bottomley, Member
Nancy Grissom, Member Martin Smargiassi, Member

Administrative Discussion:
- The July meeting minutes were approved.

The meeting was adjourned.

Recorded by Katy Holmes, Senior Planner