

Arlington Redevelopment Board
April 24, 2017 Minutes
Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conference Room – 7:30pm

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PRESENT: Andrew Bunnell (Chair), Kin Lau, David Watson, Andrew West, Eugene Benson

STAFF: Jennifer Raitt, Laura Wiener

GUESTS: Madeleine Aster, Michael Brandon

Correspondence: Letter from Madeleine Aster, on behalf of Alewife and North Cambridge Neighborhoods.

Mr. Bunnell opened the meeting at 7:30PM and moved to the third item on the agenda, Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 27, 2017 and April 3, 2017.

Mr. West moved to approve the Minutes from March 27, 2017, Mr. Benson seconded. All voted in favor. (5-0)

Mr. Watson moved to approve the Minutes from April 3, 2017 as amended. Mr. West seconded. Mr. Benson abstained. All voted in favor. (4-0)

Mr. Bunnell moved to the first item on the agenda, ARB Schedule through Summer 2017. Jennifer Raitt, Director, Planning and Community Development shared the Board's current summer meeting schedule and made recommendations to change dates to accommodate Board members' and staff vacations. June meetings were changed to June 12 and 26. July 3 meeting was cancelled. The rest of the summer meetings will remain as scheduled. Jenny further reminded the Board that the Arts and Culture Action Plan final Public Forum is June 6, 2017 and the Zoning Recodification Working Group's Public Forum is scheduled for July 13, 2017.

Mr. Lau moved to approve the May, June, July and August meeting schedule as amended. Mr. West seconded. All voted in favor. (5-0).

Mr. Bunnell moved to the next item on the Agenda, ARB Membership/ Representation on Committees. Ms. Raitt reviewed the Board's current list of Committee obligations and asked if any changes were sought. Mr. Bunnell moved to replace Kin Lau with Eugene Benson as the ARB designee to the Community Preservation Committee. Mr. Lau seconded. All voted in favor. (5-0). Mr. Lau moved to replace Andrew Bunnell with Kin Lau as the ARB designee to the Senior Center Feasibility Study Committee. Mr. West seconded. All voted in favor. (5-0).

Ms. Raitt shared correspondence received from Madleine Aster regarding the Residences at Alewife in Cambridge located at 195 and 211 Concord Turnpike. The letter requested the Board to consider appealing the approved decision. A summary prepared by Laura Wiener was provided and the Board was asked if they would like to comment to the Cambridge Planning Board on the project.

Mr. Benson sought advice from Town Counsel as to whether the Board had legal standing to appeal. Ms. Raitt stated that Town Counsel was contacted and confirmed that the Board had no standing but could provide a comment letter if desired.

Michael Brandon, North Cambridge Stabilization Committee, stated that he thought the Board did have standing.

Mr. Bunnell said that the Board would continue the discussion at the May 15 meeting. He asked staff if TAC could review the Traffic Impact Study before that meeting.

Mr. Lau moved to adjourn to Town Meeting. Mr. West seconded. All voted in favor. (5-0).