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ADDRESS: 49-55 Davis Square

CASE: HPC.ALT 2021.54

APPLICANT: Somerville Theatre, 55 Davis Square, Somerville, MA 02144

OWNER: B.F. Somerville Properties, LLC, 200 Massachusetts Ave,
Arlington, MA 02474

DETERMINATION: *Conditional* **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS (CA)**

DECISION DATE: February 15, 2022

This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) or their designee regarding the proposal the ***retroactive commission approval for installation of windows*** as-submitted for the **Local Historic District (LHD) property at 49-55 Davis Square.**

SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

- The Applicant requested the retroactive approval for the replacement of aluminum one-over-one single or double hung windows with aluminum clad one-over-one double-hung windows on the second floor of the front and left elevations. The previous windows were removed and replaced in Summer of 2021.
- The Applicant also requested at the February 15th HPC meeting the replacement of the third-floor windows so as to match the replacement windows on the second floor.

DETERMINATION

The applicable portion of the *Design Guidelines* is ***C. Windows and Doors***

The HPC voted 4-0 to approve the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the retroactive approval for the installation of windows on the second floor. In their discussion, the HPC noted their approval of the windows as the brick detail around the windows had not been altered.

The HPC voted 4-0 to approve the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the approval for installation of windows on third floor that match the newly installed windows specifications of the second-floor windows. In their discussion, the HPC noted that as the windows were already approved for the second floor, they had no issue with them being used on the third floor.

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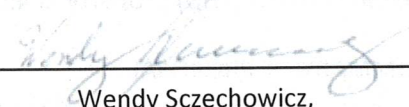
The HPC then voted 4-0 to grant a **CONDITIONAL CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS (CA)**.

The following conditions apply. Failure to comply with this Certificate and the conditions added thereto may result in delays to final sign-offs, removal of incongruous/inappropriate materials or incongruously/inappropriately-designed replacement features, CO, or other changes/ delays.

CONDITIONS

1. The Applicant/Owner shall file the Certificate with the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) by uploading it to the CitizenServe permitting portal with their application for zoning compliance/building permit.
2. A written narrative or descriptive checklist identifying the completion or compliance with permit conditions must be submitted to the Inspectional Services Department with a copy to Preservation Planning at least fifteen (15) business days in advance of a request for a final inspection.
3. The Applicant shall contact Preservation Planning at historic@somervillema.gov a minimum of 15 business days prior to final ISD walk-through so that Preservation Planning or their designee can confirm if the project was completed according to HPC approvals.

Submitted:


Wendy Sczechowicz,
Preservation Planner, Zoning & Preservation

HPC
DECISION # HPC.ALT 2021.54
LOCATION 49-55 Davis Sq.
PETITIONER Somerville Theatre
DATE 2/15/22