

MINUTES  
HARC ADVOCACY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING  
JULY 12, 2022

PRESENT: Martha Harris, Gail Rothrock, Michael Hobbs, Martha Raymond, Linda Lovell

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC: Tescia Yonkers

LOCATION: La Madeleine, King Street

CALL TO ORDER: The Advocacy committee convened on July 12 at 10 AM at La Madeleine.

REVIEW OF RECENT PROJECTS:

1. Samuel Madden housing project - The project between Patrick and Henry streets, bounded by Madison on the south and First Street on the north, has received a permit to demolish the existing affordable housing and has passed 2 concept reviews. It goes before the BAR on July 20, the day after the next HARC meeting. Gail Rothrock shared information about the project, including the fact that it lies within the Historic Parker-Gray District and the Braddock Road East area which stipulates a maximum of 60 feet in height. Committee members expressed concerns about the height of the buildings planned which may reach more than 90 feet if the mechanical infrastructure on top is included. Committee members will prepare a brief draft letter that references previously expressed HARC concerns about building heights to be transmitted before the BAR meeting.
2. Torpedo Factory - The stakeholder task force is being formed. The Department of Project Implementation will apparently lead the effort for the city staff, not Parks and Recreation.
3. Building Heights - Members expressed concerns about piggy-backing where permitted building heights are topped up with additional heights from as many as two SUPs. There is a hope that city staff will use the delay over the summer to further investigate some of the suggestions HARC and others have made that could improve the proposal.

PUBLIC COMMENT: one member of the public attended the meeting who had a special interest in support of pursuing National Register individual listing for the Torpedo Factory.

NEXT MEETING: The committee will meet next August 2.