

Historic District Commission - Application for Certificate of Appropriateness

Description of Proposed Work

Concord Center for the Visual Arts (CCVA) is in the process of constructing a new art building and exterior gathering space. This project has been reviewed and approved by the HDC several times. Since the most recent approvals, several design changes have been made:

1. Approximately 40'-0" of 6'-0" tall wooden board fence has been added to the west side of the property along the property line. It will be stained a dark gray color to match the siding of CCVA's new classroom building. The proposed fence will replace an existing 4'-0" tall black, chain-link fence. The new fence will run along the property line from the rear corner of the historic building to the existing stone wall at the back of the property. Additional planting along the driveway will minimize the visual impact from Lexington Road. The proposed fence will provide an important visual and acoustical buffer between CCVA's rear public garden and the neighboring property. The redesign of site drainage and stormwater management includes a retention basin to the east of the proposed fence. The retention area makes planting an evergreen buffer between the two properties difficult. (See images and plans below).
2. The new stone walkway leading from the driveway to the rear garden has been moved 1'-0" foot to the east to allow adequate space for planting a hedge to screen the proposed board fence.
3. The height of the fence at the mechanical area on the east side of the historic building has increased from 4'-0" to 6'-0". Further design of the HVAC systems and the inclusion of heat pumps requires a taller fence to screen them from public view. A 6'-0" wide, double gate has been added to provide access to the HVAC equipment, garbage, and recycling bins. The proposed vertical board fence has a 1'-0" top section consisting of vertical square posts to provide transparency. The fence will be stained to match CCVA's new classroom building.
4. The number of landscape lighting fixtures has been reduced from 27 fixtures to 13. 9 fixtures will be visible from Lexington Road, including 3 Hunza Pathlite fixtures, 4 Lumiere Eon 303 Pathway fixtures, and a small sign light.