



Office of the City Clerk

ALEX GEOURNTAS
City Clerk

August 5, 2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Submitted herewith for your consideration, please find the designation of the Petition #239.11, Horticultural Hall, 247 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115.

The foregoing designation was approved by the Boston Landmarks Commission on June 25, 2024 and having been presented to the Mayor was returned signed July 31, 2024.

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended, if not acted upon within thirty days (September 6, 2024), the designation shall be deemed as if approved.

Respectfully,

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk

cc Murray G. Miller, Director, Office of Historic Preservation
Boston Landmarks Commission



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RECEIVED FROM THE CITY CLERK FOR PRESENTATION TO THE
MAYOR, VIZ:

Designation as a Landmark - Petition #239.11, Horticultural Hall, 247
Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115

**VOTE OF DESIGNATION BY THE
BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

PROPERTY: Horticultural Hall, 247 Huntington Ave., Boston 02115

STANDARDS AND CRITERIA TO BE APPLIED:

As described in the sections 8.0 "General Standards and Criteria" and 9.0 "Specific Standards and Criteria" included in the study report for the subject property.

APPROVED BY THE BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION:

Date approved: 06/25/2024



Attest: _____

(Interim Secretary to the Commission)

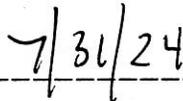
PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR:

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(Date)

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR:

Date approved: 7/31/24



Signature: _____



(Mayor)

PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

AUG 07 2024

(Date)

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL:

Date approved: _____

Signature: _____

(City Clerk)



City of Boston
Historic Preservation



City of Boston
Mayor Michelle Wu

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk, City of Boston
Boston City Hall - Room 601
Boston, MA 02201

June 28, 2024

RE: Petition #239.11 – Horticultural Hall, 247 Huntington Ave., Boston 02115

Dear Mr. Geourntas,

On June 25, 2024, the Boston Landmarks Commission unanimously voted to designate Horticultural Hall in Boston as a Landmark under the provisions of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.

According to the Landmarks Commission’s statute, a designation approved by the Commission is presented to the Mayor for signing. If the Mayor disapproves the designation, they file the designation form with the City Clerk with objections noted in writing. If no mayoral action is taken on a designation, it is deemed approved by the Mayor after fifteen days.

The statute states that within thirty days following mayoral approval, the City Council can override a designation by a two-thirds vote. In the absence of City Council action, the designation is approved after the thirty-first day.

I appreciate your supervision of this approval process. Please call me at (617) 642-1065 if you have any questions.

Best Regards,



Murray G. Miller
Director
Office of Historic Preservation

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Mayor Michelle Wu

The Honorable Michelle Wu
Mayor of the City of Boston
Boston City Hall
Boston, MA 02201

June 28, 2024

RE: Petition #239.11 – Horticultural Hall, 247 Huntington Ave., Boston 02115

Dear Mayor Wu:

On June 25, 2024, the Boston Landmarks Commission unanimously voted to designate Horticultural Hall in Boston as a Landmark under the provisions of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.

Horticultural Hall is one of several architecturally important institutional structures built in the first decade of the 20th century along a small section of Huntington Avenue that have made vital contributions to the cultural and civic life of Boston and New England. Horticultural Hall is a Beaux Arts institutional structure purpose-built as the exhibition, lecture, and office space for the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. The building functioned in this capacity from the date of its opening in 1901 until the interior was renovated for use as office space in 1985. While located in this hall, MHS founded the New England Garden History Society and published the magazine *Horticulture*, which became one of the most respected gardening publications in the country. The building has also served as the home for a number of other horticultural organizations. On October 7, 1904, Horticultural Hall hosted the signature banquet of the 13th International Peace Congress, at which Robert Treat Paine, Jane Addams, and Booker T. Washington were featured speakers. The First Church of Christ, Scientist purchased the building in 1992; Northeastern University leased it in 2020 for a 99-year term. Horticultural Hall is listed individually on the National Register of Historic Places (1975) with significance in the area of education for its association with the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

The Boston Landmarks Commission asks that you give full consideration to the designation of the North Market Building in Boston as a Boston Landmark.

Please don't hesitate to call me at (617) 642-1065 if you have any questions.

Best Regards,



Murray G. Miller
Director

CITY of BOSTON

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**VOTE OF DESIGNATION BY THE
BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

PROPERTY: Horticultural Hall, 247 Huntington Ave., Boston 02115

VOTED: That on June 25, 2024, the Boston Landmarks Commission designates *Horticultural Hall at 247 Huntington Avenue* as a *Boston Landmark* under Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.

VOTING IN FAVOR:

David Berarducci
John Freeman
Richard Henderson

Kirsten Hoffman
Senam Kumahia
Justine Orlando

Fadi Samaha
Lynn Smiledge
Bradford C. Walker

VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

None.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SITE:

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GENERAL BOUNDARIES OF THE SITE:

The boundaries of the designated property are limited to the following address and parcel number: 247 Huntington Avenue, parcel number 0401160000.