



City of Medford

HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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City Hall – Room 308
85 George P. Hassett Drive
Medford, Massachusetts 02155

August 8, 2022 Medford Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting held via Zoom - Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.
Digital Meeting statement read by J. Keenan, Chair, at beginning of meeting.

Members present: Jennifer Keenan, Ryan Hayward, Doug Carr, Edward Wiest and Peter Miller. Denis MacDougall also present. Absent: Jessica Farrell

Determination of Preferably Preserved Status:

- **80 Canal Street** – Rescheduled to 9/12/2022 for failure to post yard sign.

16 Foster Court Discussion: The property is under new ownership. Roberto DiMarco, owner's counsel, of 350 Main St, Malden was present at the meeting, indicated that the permit had already been signed off. There was a consensus among the commissioners that it would not be beneficial to re-visit the entire demolition delay process for the property but that the process should also be conducted appropriately so that the public could weigh in. **Motion:** E. Wiest to ask the city attorney about expediting the process. **Approved:** 3-0 with J. Keenan recused.

Receive Demolition Applications:

- **11 Orchard Street** - Partial demolition of roof for dormers and full gut interior for a 2-family with interior remodel. **Motion:** (PM, 2nd DC) to accept the demolition application. **Approved:** 4-0. **Motion:** (RH, 2nd EW) to expend \$500.00 to have a Form B prepared for the property. **Approved:** 4-0.
- **75-77 West Street** – Partial demolition of roof for dormers and full gut interior for a 2-family with interior remodel. **Motion:** (EW, 2nd PM) to decline the demolition application and to pass on review thereby allowing demolition to proceed. **Approved:** 4-0.

Site Plan Reviews:

- **595 Broadway** - D. Carr to draft comments.
- **162 Mystic Avenue** - D. Carr to draft comments.

Update on New Member Search: Candidate Kit Nichols was present at the meeting presented a brief statement about her qualifications and interest in becoming a member of the commission. Her written statement of interest and resume had been circulated prior to

the meeting and reviewed by the commissioners. **Motion:** (RH, 2nd EW) to recommend to the mayor that Kit Nichols be appointed to be the new commissioner. **Approved:** 4-0. A letter to be sent to the mayor's office.

Demolition Delay Updates:

- **104 Harvard Avenue:** Exp. 10/2022. No new update.
- **33 Third Street:** Exp. 08/2023. No new update.
- **130 Boston Avenue:** Exp. 12/2023. R. Hayward drew the existing conditions plans and elevations and will provide recommendations to the owner regarding options to mitigate the demolition.
- **20 Otis Street:** Exp. 01/2024. R. Hayward ceded that the carriage house will probably need to be rebuilt. He requested that the owner look at filing for a hardship variance for height so that the roofline can be increased in order to build a more sympathetic looking structure in order to mitigate the demolition.
- **76 Sharon Street:** Exp. 01/2024. R. Hayward screen shared the latest design drawings for the project and D. Carr reviewed the process to date and noted the speed with which the demolition delay subcommittee was able to work with the design team in order to achieve a satisfactory design resolution. R. Hayward stated that rehabilitation of buildings, such as the subject property, could be just as important as preservation. Nazar Vincent, owner, of 4 Robin Hood Rd, Arlington was present at the meeting and stated that supply chain issues may make it impossible to obtain the commission recommended roof shingles. R. Hayward stated that a substitute shingle please be submitted. **Motion:** Pending upload of the agreed-upon design drawings to the building permit website, to lift the demolition delay and allow the project to move forward. **Approved:** 4-0.

Update on Cincotti Funeral Home: The developer has been foreclosed and there is to be a public auction for the property on Aug 11.

Update on Permit Review Sub-committee: On-going.

Update on CPA Projects:

- **Thomas Brooks Park:** J. Keenan reported that the analysis of the recovered artifacts was on-going. There will be a public meeting to share the dig findings. Pomp's Wall restoration work to begin soon. The fieldstone wall restoration work was awarded but awaiting the finance department for contract execution.

Survey Projects Update: On going. Winter Hill – awaiting finance department. Brickyard – extended to 2023. Fulton Heights – bid to go out.

Local Historic District Update: No new update, meeting on Aug 11.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: One typo found on 2nd page to be amended. **Motion:** to approve the July 11, 2022 MHC meeting minutes. **Approved:** 4-0.

Motion: To adjourn at 8:22 pm. **Approved:** 4-0.

Next Meeting: September 12, 2022 via Zoom. Start time 7:00 pm. Denis MacDougall to coordinate. Open meetings to be extended until March 2023.