



City of Medford

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

August 14, 2023 Medford Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting held via Zoom - Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm. Digital Meeting statement read by Ryan Howard at beginning of meeting.

Members present: Ryan Hayward, Doug Carr, Jessica Farrell, Kit Nichols and Peter Miller.

Absent: Jennifer Keenan and Edward Weist. Denis MacDougall also attended.

421 High Street – Site Plan Review Comments:

- The commission discussed the proposed project drawing set dated 05-08-2023 and compared the design to the earlier drawing set of 12-04-2019. The 05-08-2023 design was seen to be similar in scope and massing to not warrant further comments. Finding the current design to be acceptable, the commission decided to pass on review.

Walkling Court – Form A Review for Project:

- The commission reviewed the Form A executed by Claire Dempsey. Commissioners asked for clarification regarding possible National Registry eligibility for Walkling Court, and recommended that the existing housing complex be documented as part of the upcoming project PNF. Gabe Ciccarelli, Nathalie Janson, Jeffrey Driscoll of the Medford Housing Authority attended the meeting along with Margaret Donnelly-Moran, consultant from the Cambridge Housing Authority, made comments about their wish to not have the project delayed. R. Hayward stated that the documentation could be a parallel process and need not impeded the project's progress.

CLG Annual Report

- Certified Local Governments notice typically reported by the Local Historic District Commission which has fallen behind in reporting. R. Hayward to work with Chris Bader, LHD Chair, to rectify.

243 Mystic Avenue – PDD Review:

- D. Carr drafted review comments letter to be submitted to Office of Planning, Development and Sustainability.

Demolition Delay Updates:

- **33 Third Street:** Exp. 08/2023. No new update.
- **91 Winchester Street (Carriage House):** Exp. 10/2024. No new update.

Update on Permit Review Sub-committee:

- No new update

67-69 Court Street

- Upcoming demo delay project. **Motion:** (PM, DC 2nd) to expend \$500.00 to create a Form B for the property. **Approved:** 4-0.

Update on CPA Projects:

- **Thomas Brooks Park:** Two projects currently awaiting approval at the mayor's office:
 1. \$9,800.00 for design of monument to cap the archeological site.
 2. \$200,000.00 for dead wood and tree removal, sidewalk, crosswalk and curb cut improvements.
 - 3.

Survey Projects Update:

- Brickyards area survey completed, awaiting final payment processing. Fulton Heights area survey is under way.

30-36 Salem Street (Dyer Building) – Marquee:

- Marquee overhang has not been installed as per the approved plans. D. Carr to reach out to the owner for a progress update.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: **Motion:** (JF, DC 2nd) to approve the July 10, 2023 MHC meeting minutes. **Approved:** 4-0 with one recusal.

Motion: (JK, DC 2nd) to adjourn at 7:54 pm. **Approved:** 4-0.

Next Meeting: September 11, 2023. Start time 7:00 pm. Denis MacDougall to confirm if the meeting is to be in-person or via Zoom.