



City of Medford

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

April 8, 2024 Medford Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting held via Zoom - Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. Digital meeting statement read by Jennifer Keenan at beginning of meeting.

Members present: Jennifer Keenan, Ryan Hayward, Edward Weist, Kit Nichols and Peter Miller. Denis MacDougall also attended. Absent: Doug Carr and Eleni Glekas.

Determination of Significance:

- **27 Almont Street:** The commissioners reviewed the Form B for the property and discussed the attributes of the house including its well preserved architectural detail. The consensus was that this is a well preserved example of the Greek Revival/Italianate style of the time period. **Motion:** (RH, PM 2nd) to find the house significant. **Approved:** 4-0.

Receive Demolition Applications and Determinations of Significance:

- **82 Greenleaf Avenue:** Total demolition of fire damaged house in order to build a new house. **Motion:** (EW, KN 2nd) to accept the demolition application. **Approved:** 4-0. The commissioners discussed the Form B, but noted that the house had lost integrity due to earlier renovations and recent extensive fire damage. **Motion:** (RH, EW 2nd) to find the house significant. **Failed:** 0-4.
- **89 Fellsway West:** Total demolition in order to build a new 2-story dwelling. **Motion:** (EW, RH 2nd) to accept the demolition application. **Approved:** 4-0. **Motion:** (RH, PM 2nd) to pass on review due to the state of the existing house, which is already almost completely demolished. **Approved:** 4-0.

Receive Demolition Applications:

- **18 Wedgemere Road:** Partial demolition to remove existing roof in order to add a second floor. **Motion:** (PM, EW 2nd) to accept the demolition application. **Approved:** 4-0.
- **9 Trout Avenue:** Partial demolition of roof and interior to achieve greater ceiling height. **Motion:** (RH, KN 2nd) to accept the demolition application. **Approved:** 4-0.

Scott Vanderwalle, Building Commissioner:

- Scott Vanderwalle was recently hired by the city to fill the vacant building commissioner position. Scott attended the meeting and expressed a desire to have a good working relationship with the Historical Commission. Welcome Scott!

Demolition Delay Updates:

- **91 Winchester Street (Carriage House):** Exp. 10/2024. No new update.
- **56 Wareham Street:** Exp. 06/2025. After the main Historical Commission meeting, R. Hayward and P. Miller of the Demolition Delay Subcommittee met with project developer Sid Gehlot and project architect Yael Getz Schoen. Comments were relayed to the development team about the proposed project massing, paving, and site trees, including setting back the main mass of the enlarged mass by a significant distance to reveal more of the existing house. The development team will work on a revised design and get back to the subcommittee.

Update on Permit Review Sub-committee:

- See Scott Vanderwalle discussion above.

Cross Street Cemetery Update:

- Awaiting city financial department for release of funding for the headstone renovation project. Request for Bid Proposals for archeological project under development and needs OSHA and prevailing wage language.

Update on CPA Projects:

- **Thomas Brooks Park:** Awaiting CPC final allocation of funds, which should be decided at the April 10 CPC meeting. Next step after that to be City Council approval of funds.

Survey Projects Update:

- Fulton Heights area survey on-going with planned completion by May 2024.

Brooks Estate:

- M-BELT has interviewed two potential presidential candidates. Executive board to make recommendation for full board approval.

Mystic Riverbend Park Interpretive Panels:

- R. Hayward to work with the team on the historical interpretive panels to create a graphically pleasing design consistent with signage standards.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion: (RH, EW 2nd) to approve the March 11, 2024 Historical Commission meeting minutes. **Approved:** 4-0.

Motion: (JK, PM 2nd) to adjourn at 7:47 pm. **Approved:** 4-0.

Next Meeting: May 13, 2024. Start time 7:00 pm. Denis MacDougall to coordinate.