



City of Medford

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

July 8, 2024 Medford Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting held via Zoom - Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm. Digital meeting statement read by Jennifer Keenan at beginning of meeting.

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

Determinations of Preferably Preserved Status:

- **18 Wedgemere Road:** The demolition delay hearing for this property has been tabled pending owner's property decision.

Fire Department Safety Complex:

- P. Miller attended 6-21-2024 design meeting. Denis MacDougall to provide link to current drawings.

Walking Court Senior Housing Development Proposal:

- R. Hayward to reach out to building department as follow up to determine if the following items have been provided for prior to permit approval:
 - NHPA Section 106 process.
 - Appropriate documentation prior to demolition.
 - Plan in place for architectural monitoring during demolition.

UU Church, 147 High Street, CPA Grant Process:

- Joan Keane of Arlington, MA and Medford UU Church representative attended the meeting and inquired about CPA funding grant for various preservation initiatives, including shingle siding, doors, portico ceiling, etc. D. Carr and R. Hayward urged that the UU Church to provide documentation of the proposed preservation work including drawings, photos and lists to document the work for CPC review.

Demolition Delay Updates:

- **91 Winchester Street (Carriage House):** Exp. 10/2024. No new update.
- **56 Wareham Street:** Exp. 06/2025. No new update.
- **27 Almont Street:** Exp. 11/2025.
- **38 Pearl Street:** Exp. 12/2025.

Update on Permit Review Sub-committee:

- On-going, projects being fed to HC.

Cross Street Cemetery Update:

- Funding is in place for the headstone restoration project. Archaeological project awaiting bid proposals from candidate consultants.

Update on CPA Projects:

- **Thomas Brooks Park:** Archaeological cap project has been circulated to the city department heads. Public meeting with Peter Hedlund to be scheduled. Next phase items including tree work, crosswalks, etc. Regular DPW maintenance needed to clear brush and weeds from wall encroachment. R. Hayward and J. Keenan to reach out to DPW.

Survey Projects Update:

- Fulton Heights survey completed including 20 Form A's and 165 buildings. Question remains about origin of Carr Park naming.

Certified Local Government Program Grants Update:

- Medford HDC has not reviewed any recent construction projects. Role of HDC may need to be reviewed with the building department and addresses flagged.

MBELT Update:

- Picnic on Saturday, July 13, 2024, 12-3 pm.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: **Motion:** (RH, DC 2nd) to approve the June 10, 2024 Historical Commission meeting minutes. **Approved:** 5-0.

Motion: (RH, KN 2nd) to adjourn at 7:53 pm. **Approved:** 5-0.

Next Meeting: August 12, 2024. Start time 7:00 pm. Denis MacDougall to coordinate.