



City of Medford

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

August 19, 2024 Medford Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting held via Zoom - Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm. Digital meeting statement read by Jennifer Keenan at beginning of meeting. The is a special meeting in order to conduct a vote to determine if the demolition delay for 38 Pearl Street should be lifted. Note: due to the lack of a quorum, a vote was not able to be taken during the regular August 12, 2024 meeting.

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

Vote to lift Demolition Delay:

- **38 Pearl Street:** Exp. 12/2025. J. Keenan recapped the process to date. The design team has worked productively with the demolition delay subcommittee and has made sincere efforts to improve the project design, address the subcommittee's concerns, and mitigate the demolition. The commissioners viewed and discussed the current set of drawings, dated 7-19-2024, which illustrated a very sympathetic design. Developer Nelson Oliveira and his counsel, Kathleen Desmond, attended the meeting and thanked the commission for the timely meeting. **Motion:** (PM, DC 2nd) to lift the demolition delay pending the uploading the 7-19-2024 design drawings by the proponent to the Medford building permit website. **Approved:** 5-0.

Riverside Plaza Design:

- D. Carr has drafted and circulated a letter in support of the proposed redesign of the Riverside Plaza with comments to improve the design. The commissioners to review and return comments.

Motion: (EW, DC 2nd) to adjourn at 6:41 pm. **Approved:** 5-0.

Next Meeting: September 9, 2024. Start time 7:00 pm. Denis MacDougall to coordinate.