



City of Medford

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

August 10, 2015 Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

Medford City Hall, Room 201 - Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Members present: James Kossuth, Ryan Hayward, Doug Carr, Suanna Selby Crowley,
Absent: Brian Connolly; Gretchen Pineo.

Minutes – July meeting minutes were posted in Google docs. Motion to Approve minutes, **Approved, 4-0.**

New Business:

- **17 Foster Court** – Determination of significance – J. Kossuth summarized the process. 17 Foster Court was determined to have been built in the 1910-1936 range and therefore not under the purview of the Medford Historic commission. There is no evaluation to be made.
- **25 Foster Court** - Determination of significance – J. Kossuth summarized the process. The Form B research determined that the building dates to 1855-1875. Foster Tenant House. R. Hayward and Suanna agreed that its rarity and building type make. D. Carr thought there was some info to be learned about the building architecture and plan as a historically unique plan but came down on the other side of significance. **Motion:** to determine that the building is significant. **Passed, 3-1.** Next month's MHC meeting on September 14th to determine if it should be Preferably Preserved.
- **6 Rockwell Ave** – Determination of significance - J. Kossuth summarized the process. Total demolition is the goal of the developer. Mr. Oliveira (proponent) attended the meeting. S. Crowley summarized the site visit last week. The building appears to be a time capsule of the Queen Anne period – period hinges, balustrade, lights, interior is remarkably preserved; the exterior is very well preserved and has integrity of the original design. R. Hayward echoed the previous comments and added that he was impressed by a century or middle-call occupants. D. Carr agreed wholeheartedly. Mr. Oliveira noted that the

building was very small and not practical to renovate. **Motion:** the building is significant per the bylaw. **Passed 4-0.** Next month's MHC meeting on September 14th to determine if it should be Preferably Preserved.

- **18/20 Woods Edge Road** – D. Carr & R. Hayward summarized meeting with proponents on 07/27/15 and next steps to look at options.
- **43 Irving Street** – new item. Bob Risman, owner & Tim Collins, contractor (proponents). MHC made a **Motion** to hire a consultant to do a Form B, and make a determination of the property's age and history. **Passed, 4-0.**
- **523, 541, 551 Winthrop Street** – no update. No proponent present.
- **21 Touro Avenue** – Offer by Croupie Bros. developer. J. Kossuth noted that Tufts agreed in the P&S to seek and obtain approval from MHDC and MHC for new house designs. This seems highly illogical as a plan, as neither the MHDC nor MHC is willing to entertain the demo of the existing 21 Touro Ave building.
- **Section 106 Reviews needed** – 330 Boston Ave (Danish Pastry House). This is an alteration of an existing light pole with a cell tower device. A similar device is being proposed at the intersection of Main and Medford Streets in South Medford (next to Fire Station). D. Carr to review.
- **142-144 Riverside Ave. Motion** to do a Form B on 142-144 Riverside Ave. **Accepted, 4-0.**
- **East Medford Survey** – The project is out to bid now and RFPs are due back in August.
- **Woods Bridge Wayside** – A draft sign design will be forthcoming to the MHC in a few months.
- **Medford Square Survey** – done.
- **Membership** – Claire Dempsey has officially resigned from the MHC. Gretchen will talk to some people at Tufts and BU.
- **Community Day** – Sunday, Sept. 13th.
- **Memberships** – **Motion** to have J. Kossuth to renew various memberships that the MHC currently is a member of (National Trust, Historic New England, etc.). **Accepted, 4-0.**

Old Business:

- **19 Mystic Ave** – no update

- **CLG** – no update
- **Cradock Bridge granite** – no update
- **West Medford potential Historic District** – no update.
- **Archives** – no update
- **Tufts University survey** – D. Carr contacted Tufts and reiterated that Tufts should commission a Survey of all of their properties in Medford. Barbara Rubel offered to take this recommendation to V.P of Operations at Tufts to see if this could be done. D. Carr to maintain contacts.
- **Web site** – no update
- **640 Boston Ave** – D. Carr attended the Community Development Board meeting on 06/10/15 and issued a comment letter. D. Carr to follow up on the design as it moves towards construction.
- **Section 106 Review – 289 Elm Street & 53-63 Fellsway West** – material received to see if the MHC wants to comment on the proposed cell phone tower installation at these two properties. D. Carr to draft a response.

Motion to adjourn at 8:50pm. Approved, 4-0. Notes by D. Carr

Next meeting: Monday, September 14th, 2015.