



City of Medford

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

September 14, 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, Gretchen Pineo. Absent: Brian Connolly

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

New Business:

- **43 Irving Street** – Bob Risman (proponent). Chairman Kossuth explained the process. R. Hayward – pre-1900 structure. Circa 1880's S. Crowley – emphasized that the building being published twice, which is not typical for most of the properties we review. G. Pineo noted that in addition to having design control, this property was designed by a prominent architect. D. Carr noted all of the above and mentioned that we get few properties before us with so much extensive documentation.
- **Motion:** that we find the building at 43 Irving Street significant, **Approved, 4-0.** J. Kossuth noted that at the next meeting, there will be a determination if the building should be preferably preserved. Site visit: J. Kossuth will set up a site visit to view the property in the next week.
- **25 Foster Court** – Last meeting, the building was determined to be Significant and this meeting is to determine whether the building should be Preferably Preserved. Proponent said that the building was rodent and mold-infested and was a detriment to its neighbors. Public money and available funds may go away or be reallocated if there is a demo delay placed on the property. Bernhard Kirstein of the Medford Housing Authority. S. Crowley noted that it was rare to have two tiny properties on its radar; however she came down on the side of not being Preferably Preserved. She recommends documentation to try to get some record of the property. G. Pineo agreed, the building has been

moved, with some loss of integrity of setting. R. Hayward concurred and agreed with documentation as a mitigation factor. D. Carr concurred as well, and echoed with the comments above. **Motion:** To not Preferably Preserve 25 Foster Court, **Approved, 4-0.** Brief discussion of photography and floor plans. **Motion** to approve \$1,000 for the documentation of 25 Foster Court. **Approved, 4-0.**

- **6 Rockwell Ave** – Determination of Preferably Preserved - J. Kossuth summarized the process. Mr. Oliveira (proponent) attended the meeting. Mr. Oliveira noted that he has done significant work to prepare the building for demolition. R. Hayward stated that the building is the best preserved building form the period he has ever seen. S. Crowley: agree 100% - 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. D. Carr agreed. **Motion:** the building is Preferably Preserved per the bylaw. **Passed 4-0.** J. Kossuth: there is now a demo-delay for six months. J. Kossuth explained the process. R. Hayward requested that we hire the consultant to document the existing building prior to removal or adaptive reuse. **Motion:** to approve \$1,500 to document 6 Rockwell Ave. as noted above. **Approved, 4-0.**
- **330 Boston Ave** - Section 106 Review. D. Carr noted that the proposed design is to add a bunch of small equipment to an existing pole. D. Carr contacted the historian who did the drawings, requesting that they confirm the color of the equipment. We are looking for a consistent color and look.
- **Main and Medford Street** – Section 106 Review. Same issues as 330 Boston Ave.
- **East Medford Survey** – The RFPs are being reviewed by the Sub-Committee.
- **Woods Bridge Wayside** – A draft sign design will be forthcoming to the MHC in a few months.
- **Medford Square Survey** – done.
- **Medford Community Day** – J. Kossuth and G. Pineo summarized the event yesterday! Significant confusion amongst the populace between the Medford Historical Society and Medford Historic Commission.

Old Business:

- **523, 541, 551 Winthrop Street** – no update.
- **18/20 Woods Edge Road** – D. Carr & R. Hayward to meet with proponents and look at design options.

- **21 Touro Avenue** – no update.
- **Cradock Bridge granite** – no update
- **142-144 Riverside Ave.** **Motion** to do a Form B on 142-144 Riverside Ave. **Accepted, 4-0.**
- **West Medford potential Historic District** – no update.
- **Archives** – no update
- **252 Main Street** – Motion to spend \$500 to commission a Form B ASAP in advance of next month's meeting.
- **Tufts University survey** – D. Carr circled back with Barbara Rubel of Tufts and Barbara passed our request to Survey Tufts onto Lynda Snyder, VP of Operations at Tufts. Awaiting response.
- **Web site** – up to date.

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

Next meeting: Monday, October 19th, 2015.