



City of Medford

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

April 14, 2014 Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

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

Members present: James Kossuth, Ryan Hayward, Suanna Crowley, Claire Dempsey, Doug Carr. Absent: Gretchen Pineo

Minutes from March meeting reviewed. **Minutes approved, 5-0**

New Business:

114 South Street

Scot Kenworthy (Proponent), updated the MHC on the status of the proposed new 2-family house next to Grandfather's House.

Objectionable items:

- Needs to be marketed as a single family; no single driveway will be accepted.
- Proponent rejected moving the house site plan forward as investigated by MHC
- Proponent rejects the idea that parking anywhere other than the front of the house.
- Proponent does not want to make requested architectural changes as suggested by the MHC other than the addition of dormers on the front elevation.
- On 4/16/14, proponent will appear before the Conservation Commission.
- Proponent is adamant that his design is the design.

23 Tucker Street

John Macavene (proponent) proposing to do a tear-down of the property and build six houses in its stead at previous meeting. No update or communication from proponent.

Woods Bridge MassDOT

Interpretive sign location at base of reconstructed bridge. Sub-Committee met on 04/13/14. Circled around the Drive-In and Medford Bowl uses. Draft up text and images and send to MassDOT

Budget for FY 2015

MHC to join Preservation Massachusetts, Historic New England, National Council of Preservation Council. Budget \$10,700 in FY 2014 with approx. \$3k left. Myrtle Street area form was chosen as a good use of these funds, along with the Medford Police Station and Fire Station.

Demolition Definition

Sub-Committee (Ryan and Jim) met and reviewed. Informal survey of list serve. Several cities have a threshold of removing or covering 25% of exterior surface area to trigger demo. Working definition to be reviewed and presented to Medford Building Dept (Paul Mochi). The 25% number will require builders to have elevations or more documentation. J. Kossuth to check with Solicitor Mark Rumley to make sure there is no legal issues.

West Medford Survey

Several commission members handed in Form reviews. Request to get remaining forms from the Commission by the summer.

Commission Membership

Suanna has accepted a position with Massachusetts Historical Commission appointed by Galvin. Suanna will continue to serve on the Medford HC, with the exception of any state-level commission business. James having lunch with an ex-planner from Waltham who may be interested in joining the MHC.

Medford Historic Commission Web Site status

Paperwork submitted to change ownership of site to Gretchen. The site: www.medfordhistoricalcommission.org.

Certified Local Government (CLG) Update: Interaction with NPS pending.

Old Business:

134 Jerome – Status: Form B completed last month. No word from proponent. Please review Form and provide comments.

163 Riverside Ave

Status: For Sale, listed as a tear-down. Form B completed and issued today for review.

Medford Square Survey

\$15k grant received; \$15k matching. Bids to be received this summer.

Medford Hillside Survey

Phase 1, 2 & 3A complete. 45 Buildings and 3 area forms completed to date.

Document Management Subcommittee

G. Pineo updated MHC on process improvements to record-keeping. Naming convention agreed to for files: year – month – date – what it is. Overarching gmail address: medfordhistoricalcommission@gmail.com. MedfordHC123 password.

Cradock Bridge

Letter received from MassDOT on final design configuration.

Salem Street Cemetery – vandalized a few days ago – 4 stones overturned.

Gates are not locked. Next step: police report and publicity to bring public attention to the cemetery.

Community Preservation Act

CPA sub-committee to meet before next meeting.

Brooks Estate – update on Bond. City Council response has been less than enthusiastic. Possible alternate grant Mass Cultural Council Facilities Fund. Community Preservation Act alternate. Recommend that the Brooks Estate make connections with Schools to bring the kids to the Estate, to expand the stakeholder circle in Medford.

Motion to adjourn at 9:20pm. Approved, 5-0.

Notes by D. Carr