



City of Medford

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

January 9, 2017 Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

Medford City Hall, Room 201 - Meeting called to order at 7:03pm.

Members present: Ryan Hayward, Doug Carr, Dan Menezes, Richard Northrup, Ben Johnson.

Absent: Abigail Salerno

Minutes – December 2016 minutes posted. Motion: to approve December 2016 Meeting Minutes, **Approved**, 5-0.

142-144 Riverside Avenue - Determination to be Preferably Preserved

- Proponent present: owner Deepak Mohapatra.
- R. Hayward summarized process at last meeting and tonight.
- Architecturally: two buildings connected, rare building type.
- Comments: extremely rare example in Medford, no major structural changes since 1845, Shipbuilding district nearby.
- **Motion:** to find the property at 142-144 Riverside Ave to be **Preferably Preserved:** 4-0.

New Business:

- **Community Preservation Seat** – **Motion** to have D. Carr serve as MHC seat on CPA, **Approved**, 4-0.
- **Salem Street Site Plan Review** – 236-240 Salem Street new project 21-unit, four-story apartment complex proposed on three sites. D. Carr to pursue electronic plans and docs from EvB Design 1310 Broadway, Somerville, MA 617-623-2222.
- **Medford Public Library** – MHC will write a summary letter to Mass. Hist. Commission, asking for a review of the Form B opinion and asking for proper
- **Oak Grove Cemetery** – Section 106 Review. MHC wants to comment on the project, including whatever documentation is available of the properties and any new proposal.

- **Salem Street Burial Ground** – design for new plaza on Riverside has been distributed, asking for MHC comments. MHC wants to have immediate and important history of the site to be incorporated into the design.

Old Business:

- 42-46 Linden Street – Approved for demolition.
- 403 Riverside Ave. – documentation will be in Feb/March 2017. Demo delay underway.
- 37 West Street – Demolition Update: building is gone. Medford condemned the building, based on a structural report from Boulay Consulting Structural Engineers of Fall River, MA. that was based on R. Hayward to ask Building Dept. to attend next meeting to discuss.
- South Medford/Medford Square Survey Plan – no update.
- Demolition Delay Extension – update: draft language being reviewed.
- East Medford Phase II Survey – received draft product from consultants. Reviewing.
- Archives – work day in 2017.
- Medford Historical Society has 20 years of MHC documents. We want them back in the Library with the balance of our records. D. Menezes to pursue.

Motion to adjourn at 9:00pm. Approved, 5-0. Notes by D. Carr

Next meeting: Monday, February 13th, 2017.