



City of Medford

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

June 10, 2019 Medford Historical Commission Hearing Minutes

Medford City Hall - Meeting called to order at 7:02pm.

Members present: Ryan Hayward, Doug Carr, Jennifer Keenan, Edward Wiest, Abigail Salerno, and Peter Miller, Ben Johnson.

17 Florence Avenue – Patrick Reardon, 115 Boston Ave (Developer), Medford. Determination of Significance. J. Keenan summarized the process of determining Significance. **Motion:** to find the property Significant. R. Hayward feels property is Significant as it represents the architecture and development at Fulton Heights. Ben concurred. D. Carr agreed with the context importance but disagreed and felt the character of the building was not a shining example of the building type and too much was lost. Vote was 6-0 against Significance. Demo will be approved and letter issued by MHC to proceed with project.

109 Forest Street – Receipt of Demolition Application. Proponents: David Johnson, Steve Singer (attorney from Wakefield), Scott Kenworthy. Petition the ZBA to create a third lot from the existing parcels. Plan was then to take the side porch off in order to preserve the house. Extensive conversation about the process, design, development, etc. **Motion** to accept Application, **Approved, 6-0.**

2019 – 2020 Budget – Meeting to review Budget tomorrow (Tuesday) at City Council. Biggest ask is a \$20.8k Staff Person part-time. Mayor requested that MHC take a \$15k cut to increase the Medford Historic District Commission, which was politely declined. Motion to submit the FY 2020 \$50,800 total. MHC members were urged to track their non-meeting time to help make the case for a Staff position.

MHC Files at Medford Public Library – will be inaccessible for 18-24 months starting in September.

20 Prescott Street – was demo'd by owner. April 11th, email received from George Lawrence, at corner of Prescott and Cottage Street. MHC responded, directing him to the MHC process. Building was torn down Saturday, June 8th – possibly without a Permit. This would be in violation, as the building is older than 75 years. MHC commissioned a Form B of the property at the May meeting. **Motion:** to find 20 Prescott Street Significant. **Passed, 6-0.**

Circle the Square – participation on June 20th. Discussion of details and materials.

23 Bower Street – Status of Documentation – complete, except for taking final photos. Demo delay will be lifted by the end of this week.

30-36 Salem Street – MHC letter comments were submitted to Community Development Board.

Update on CPA Projects – Slight Addendum required to Oak Grove Cemetery submission.

Minutes – May 2019 minutes reviewed. **Motion** to accept Minutes with minor corrections, **Approved**, 6-0.

Annual Report – to be completed and forward to Mayor.

Wellington Phase II Survey Report – being digested.

Motion to adjourn at 8:53pm. Approved, 6-0. Notes by D. Carr.

Next meeting: Monday, July 8th, 2019, **7:00pm**, Medford City Hall, Room 201.