



City of Medford

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

July 8, 2019 Medford Historical Commission Hearing Minutes

Medford City Hall - Meeting called to order at 7:09pm.

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

109 Forest Street – Determination of Significance. Jen K. explained process. **Motion** to find 109 Forest Street **Significant**. Peter noted building's architectural qualities; consensus that the building is significant in both the individual building and its impact on the neighborhood. An early and well-preserved representative examples of Colonial architecture, setting the table for the future development of the Lawrence Estates.

Proponents: David Johnson, Steve Singer (attorney from Wakefield), Scott Kenworthy. Detailed description of process from developers' perspective.

Public comments (limited to Form B only, not the proposed development): general support for Significance by attendees (approx. 40 persons).

Approved, 5-0. Motion passes. Next month, 6 August 2019, a public meeting to see if 109 Forest Street will be Preferably Preserved.

John McConnell – Joseph Morris Wells @ Oak Grove Grave/potential CPA submission. Wells was a senior architect for McKim Meade & White; headstone design by Augustus Saint-Gaudens. **Motion** for Letter of Support from MHC. **Approved, 6-0.**

Update on CPA Projects – Oak Grove Cemetery & Thomas Brooks Park.

Prescott Street – garage was illegally demolished. MHC letter sent to Building Dept. Response letter from Paul Mochi, rejecting the MHC letter. Building Dept. did not follow procedures notifying the MHC of a demolition greater than 25% of the building. MHC to reject Mochi's letter and call out the Building Dept.'s not following procedures and refusing to incorporate MHC's standards into their Demo Forms, which remain inaccurate.

16 Foster Court – **Motion** to approach Medford Historic District Commission to create a single-use District covering 16 Foster Court. **Approved, 5-0.** Possibility of creating 3-single house districts for: 109 Forest Street, 21 Touro, 16 Foster Court.

2019 – 2020 Budget –\$20.8k Staff Person part-time request was rejected. FY 2020 \$30,000 total was approved.

Fall Community Events – Discussion of events and materials.

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

Annual Report – completed and will be forwarded to Mayor.

Survey Project Discussion – Winter Hill neighborhood & Brickyards (South Medford) and Fulton Heights.

Stoneham – 120' Monopole proposed near intersection of Route 93 and 28 in the Middlesex Fells; D. Carr to write letter objecting.

Motion to adjourn at 9:15pm. **Approved, 5-0**. Notes by D. Carr.

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