



City of Medford

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

August 10, 2020 Medford Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting held via Zoom - Meeting called to order at 7:36 pm.
Digital Meeting statement read by J. Keenan, Chair, at beginning of meeting.

Members present: Ryan Hayward, Doug Carr, Peter Miller, Jennifer Keenan, Ben Johnson, Abigail Salerno and Edward Wiest. Dennis MacDougall also present. Absent: None

City Council Recap 7/28/2020: Paul Mochi called to speak in front of City Council. City Council wants Historical Commission called in front of the Committee of the Whole. Meeting to be determined.

Sub-Committee creation for permit review process: J. Keenan and Paul Mochi discussed a sub-committee to review permits to speed up the turnaround time on permitting. City has new software that makes process more transparent. P. Miller, A. Salerno, and D. Carr will be on the permit review sub-committee for permit review process. B. Johnson, R. Hayward, and E. Wiest will serve on demo delay sub-committee. J. Keenan will coordinate all communications

Historic Homes Medford initiative – potential partnership with CPC: D. Carr sent email regarding CPC funds for historic homeowners. Should be need based and quality of house based regardless of income. E. Wiest concerned about homes that have increased in value for the interwar areas. A. Salerno interested in reviewing other towns and their initiatives. Conditions needed due to public money being used. Topic put on September agenda to continue discussion.

Update on properties currently under demo delay: 67 Magoun applied for permit to demolish carriage house. No other developments with current demo delay properties.

CPA Project Updates: J. Keenan has not gotten the eligibility form for Thomas Brooks Park. Oak Grove Cemetery-A. Salerno to meet with Trees Medford (they have a CPA project to inventory all trees in Oak Grove). R. Hayward proposed why not a landscape inventory of Oak Grove?

Survey Project Updates: Wellington survey, Medford Square South, and Forest Street are complete. Winter Hill survey is going out to bid this coming Monday.

Form B's: Motion to appoint \$500 for a form B at 61 Sagamore. **Approved:** 5-0, 1 absent

Local Historic District Updates: 16 Foster Court has feasible options. Owner/developer was not proactive in generating ideas/options. Forest Street will be the next LHD-R. Hayward to send to Mass Historical. Public meeting in October to discuss Forest Street.

30-36 Salem Street site plan review: P. Miller sent letter today. D. Carr would like more direction given to developers.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: To approve June minutes **Motion:** 6-0. To approve: 5-0
July 13, 2020 **Motion:** To approve 5-0

Motion: To adjourn at 9:20pm **Approved:** 5-0

Next Meeting: September 14, 2020 via Zoom. Start time moved to 7:00 pm. Dennis MacDougall to coordinate HDC and MHC Zoom. Note: October 19 meeting may need to be moved or adjusted due to Forest Street Proposed LHD hearing.