



City of Medford

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

October 19, 2020 Medford Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting held via Zoom - Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.
Digital Meeting statement read by J. Keenan, Chair, at beginning of meeting.

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

202 Middlesex Ave., Determination of Significance: Interior and exterior gut rehab including main house and carriage house; addition on rear left side of main house. Form B reviewed and Commissioner comments. Owner requested clarification on process and timeline. JK stated owner had received MHC info packet earlier and explained about next steps including determination of significance, public input, preferably preserved determination process and 14 day media notification timeline. **Motion:** to find historically and architecturally significant. **Approved:** 5-0.

Receive Demolition Applications:

- 127 Sharon Street – Garage demolition. Nelson Group demo application reviewed. RH noted that MHC may receive demo application for the main house at this address in the near future. **Motion:** to accept application and send to garage subcommittee. **Approved:** 4-0 with one abstention.
- 120 Jerome Street – Complete gut rehab. Demo application reviewed. **Motion:** to accept application and allocate \$500.00 for the preparation of a Form B. **Approved:** 5-0.
- 118 Dover Street – Tear down, struck by lightning on Aug 8, 2018. Demo application reviewed. **Motion:** to accept application and allocate \$500.00 for the preparation of a Form B. **Approved:** 5-0.

Request for Letter of Support for CPC monuments refurbishing project: Michael Durham, Medford Office of Veterans Services Director, requested letter of support from the MHC for the refurbishment of five memorials: Cook memorial, Griffen Circle memorial, Markey memorial, Prescott Park Bataan Death March memorial, and Ward 6 Honor Roll memorial. The applications and accompanying photographs were reviewed. RH suggested that, as a separate project, the Griffen Circle memorial be relocated for better public accessibility. **Motion:** for approval to write letter of support. **Approved:** 5-0.

Update on Permit Review Sub-committee: Ryan Hayward has been writing weekly MHC permit review reports which have been submitted to the building department. Reports have proven useful for updating public individuals who have made inquiries to the MHC about building permitting delays.

Demo Delay Updates: 43 Pleasant Street is the sole property now under demolition delay, as all other delays have expired. No new communication has been received by MHC from the owners of 43 Pleasant Street since the previous meeting on September 14, 2020.

Update on CPA Projects: Oak Grove trees: Trees Medford would like a tree inventory of the cemetery and seeks to apply to the CPC for a grant. CPC uncertain as to appropriate level of involvement. **Thomas Brooks Park:** Phase 1 budget application submitted to CPC for field stone and brick wall restorations and archaeological dig. CPC reportedly in support of project.

Survey Project Updates: Wellington survey: awaiting state contract for consultant proposal. Brickyards may be next survey area.

Local Historic District Updates: 16 Foster Court Proposed LHD voted down by Medford City Council on October 6, 2020 with 3 in favor and 4 opposed. Ryan Hayward working on minor documentation of the property. Will ask owner if willing to collaborate on selective demolition for documentation purposes.

Forest Street Proposed LHD on hold. Ryan Hayward suggested that the Forest Street Proposed LHD process should move ahead to complete the process and solicit more public feedback and support.

Medford City Council has suggested the city evaluate the community as a whole for potential LHD's or list of resources. Process to require potential collaboration of MHC and HDC. City master plan will likely happen and consultant has asked for Doug Carr's involvement. Potential public meeting in February 2021 if the public is inclined to ask the city council.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion: to approve Sept. 14 MHC meeting Minutes. **Approved:** 5-0.

Motion: To adjourn at 8:50 pm **Approved:** 5-0.

Next Meeting: November 9, 2020 via Zoom. Start time moved to 7:00 pm. Dennis MacDougall to coordinate HDC and MHC Zoom.