



City of Medford

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

August 9, 2021 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: Jennifer Keenan, Ryan Hayward, Doug Carr, Edward Wiest, Jessica Farrell and Peter Miller. Denis MacDougall also present. Absent: Abigail Salerno

Determination of Preferably Preserved Status:

- **33 Vine Street** – Owners Abubakr Fakhry of 409 Dudley St, #5, Boston, MA and Moustafa Khalef of 508A High St, Medford, and their attorney, Herbert Cohen attended the meeting with their architect David Choi of 25 Wellington St, Arlington. The Form B and merits of the house were discussed including well preserved architectural detail and its historical association with Charles W. Brooks and strong association with Medford's ship building heritage. **Motion:** to find preferably preserved. **Approved:** 5-0. The owners and architect to work with the demolition delay subcommittee to move the project forward.

Determination of Significance:

- **290-292 Riverside Avenue** - Total demolition of house only due to oil spill and possible spreading of contamination into soil. The Form B and attributes of the house were discussed by the Commission including its architectural design and detail and association with the Sprague family and the historic shipbuilding industry. **Motion:** to find significant. **Approved:** 4-1.
- **Oak Grove Cemetery Service Complex:** More information was found by the proponents and R. Hayward including evidence that the building was a WPA project. The Form B and the merits of the building were discussed by the Commission including it's fine stonework, association with historic Medford and need for repair. **Motion:** to find significant to enable eligibility for CPC funding. **Approved:** 5-0.
- **Oak Grove Cemetery Caretaker's House:** The Form B and the merits of the building were discussed by the Commission including its design and association with historic Medford. **Motion:** to find significant to enable eligibility for CPA funding. **Approved:** 3-2.
- MHC to provide a letter with findings of significance for the above two Oak Grove Cemetery buildings. The letter to stress that the priority for CPA funding be given to

the Service Complex as it was deemed the more significant structure and in more dire need of repair.

Receive Demolition Applications:

- **84 Cotting Street** – Partial demolition to add dormer and interior gut. The demolition application was reviewed. The project is awaiting city officials to make a determination of extents of damage due to the oil spill. **Motion:** to accept the demolition application. **Approved:** 5-0.
- **90 Alexander Avenue** - Total demolition due to fire. The demolition application was reviewed. The project is awaiting the building inspector to make a determination of extents of damage due to the fire. **Motion:** to accept the demolition application. **Approved:** 5-0.
- **75 Clewley Road** – Partial demolition to construct additions at the attic level and onto the southwest side of the house. **Motion:** to accept the demolition application. **Approved:** 5-0.
- **Motion:** to expend \$1500 to create Form B's for 84 Cotting Street, 90 Alexander Ave and 75 Clewley Rd. **Approved:** 5-0.

Site Plan Review:

The Office of Planning, Development and Sustainability has requested review comments.

- **16 Foster Court** - The Historical Commission to review and formulate comments.

Demolition Delay Updates:

- **43 Pleasant Street:** No new update.
- **15 Hadley Place:** No new update.
- **75 South Street:** No new update.
- **104 Harvard Street:** No new update.
- **109 Forest Street:** Demolition delay subcommittee to meet to discuss.

Update on Permit Review Sub-committee: On-going.

Update on CPA Projects:

- **Oak Grove trees:** Awaiting Trees Medford survey.
- **Thomas Brooks Park:** Fieldstone wall to have public bidding process. Other Phase 1 projects to have 3 bidders each.

Survey Project Update: Winter Hill area survey product has been received.

Brickyard/Mystic Park area survey to come under the purview of the new RFP process and awaiting updated forms.

Local Historic District Updates:

- HDC to possibly re-draw the boundaries of the proposed Forest Street LHD and seek further community input prior to re-engaging with City Council.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion: to approve July 12, 2021 MHC meeting minutes. **Approved:** 5-0.

Motion: To adjourn at 8:33 pm. **Approved:** 5-0.

Next Meeting: September 13, 2021 either in-person or via Zoom, TBD. Start time 7:00 pm.
Denis MacDougall to coordinate.