

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER**

**November 5, 2009  
WORCESTER CITY HALL – LEVI LINCOLN CHAMBER**

**Commission Members Present:** Peter Schneider, Chair  
Thomas Constantine  
Timothy McCann  
Janet Merrill  
Michael Theerman

**Staff Present:** Edgar Luna, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services

**REGULAR MEETING (5:30 PM)**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Schneider called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

**CONTINUANCES – WITHDRAWALS**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Timothy McCann and seconded by Michael Theerman, the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the October 22, 2009 Historical Commission meeting with 3 (three) amendments (Commissioner Merrill arrived to the meeting after the Commission had voted on the approval of the minutes).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1. 45 Freeland Street (HC-2009-071):** Jacqueline Vachon-Jackson, Director of the Worcester Lead Paint Abatement Program, and representative for the petitioner, Patrick Emery-Le, presented the petition. Chair Schneider reminded the Board that the hearing on this petition was continued from the October 22, 2009 to allow Ms. Vachon-Jackson additional time to discuss with the petitioner the possibility of replacing the three (3) windows located on the left-side of the front-bay window of the dwelling structure with energy efficient wooden windows. Ms. Vachon-Jackson stated that the petitioner had agreed to wooden window replacements. Upon reviewing the petition submitted and the evidence provided, and upon a motion by Commissioner Constantine, and seconded by Commissioner McCann, the Commission voted 5-0 that the proposed removal and

replacement of the three (3) windows located on the left-side of the front bay window of the dwelling structure with energy efficient wooden windows was not detrimental to the historical and/or architectural resources of the City of Worcester; therefore, the Building Demolition Delay Waiver petition was approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**2. Crown Hill Local District Update:** Mr. Luna informed the Commission that there was no new information regarding the Crown Hill Neighborhood Properties Survey.

**3. 4 Woodford Street – Stanley Kunitz Childhood Home:**

Mr. Luna informed the Commission that Betsy Friedberg, National Register Director of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) contacted him on November 5, 2009 regarding the Commission's request for clarification on the appeal process regarding MHC's decision not to support the petition submitted by Carol Stockmal to include the site on the National Register. Mr. Luna indicated that Ms. Friedberg stated that MHC was recommending that the Commission instead consider submitting a petition for the area, to which the Stanley Kunitz house at 4 Woodford Street would contribute significantly. She also indicated that such a district could include more houses on Woodford Street and the surrounding neighborhood to reflect the development of the Jewish community in Worcester at the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. She further indicated that since the area appears to retain sufficient integrity including the former Synagogue and Mikvah building, such characteristics were good indicators that the area had potential as National Register District. Chair Schneider asked Mr. Luna to follow up on the telephone conversation with Ms. Friedberg and report back to the Commission on the next steps to follow.

**Adjournment:** Chair Schneider adjourned the meeting at 5:40 pm.