

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

**September 19, 2019**

**ESTHER HOWLAND, ROOM 302 – CITY HALL**

**Commission Members Present:** Randolph Bloom, Vice-Chair  
Devon Kurtz  
Diane Long  
Janet Theerman  
Tomi Stefani  
Cathryn E. Jerome-Mezynski, Alternate

**Commission Members Absent:** Mark Wamback  
Robyn Conroy

*Commissioner Bloom welcomed the new member, Cathryn E. Jerome-Mezynski*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 22, 2019; SEPTEMBER 5, 2019**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Kurtz and seconded by Commissioner Long, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the meeting minutes of September 5, 2019.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the meeting minutes of August 22, 2019.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Building Demolition Delay Waiver**

**1. 10 Heroult Road – HC-2019-047 (MBL 37-008-00039)**

Petitioner: Elizabeth A. Austin  
Year Built: c1915  
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, National Register District (NRD), National Register (MRA)

Petition Purpose:

- Install vinyl siding

*BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: October 4, 2019*

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Building Demolition Delay Waiver**

**2. 4 Diamond Street – HC-2019-061 (MBL 05-031-19+50)**

Petitioner: Solstice V. Properties, Inc.  
Year Built: c1888  
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, fka Catherine Loftus Three-Decker

Petition Purpose:

- Replace house roof
- Replace damaged wood, roof, and windows of garage
- Window replacement on garage

*BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: October 4, 2019*

No one appeared for the item.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Kurtz and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-0 to continue the Building Demolition Delay Waiver application to the October 3, 2019 Historical Commission meeting and to extend the Constructive Grant Deadline to October 18, 2019.

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**3. 64-68 West Boylston Street – HC-2019-064 (MBL 13-026-00010)**

Petitioner: Trichome Health Corporation  
Year Built: c1920  
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, Thomas Lakin Block

Petition Purpose:

- Remove brick for installation of new doors/windows
- Replace existing aluminum storefront

Scott Dzik, architect of the project, appeared upon behalf of the applicant, Trichome Health Corporation.

Mr. Dzik stated that they are looking to replace the existing aluminum storefront, and, on the side façade, remove the door and replace in-kind and cut two new window openings.

*No public comment.*

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Long, the Commission voted 6-0 to close the public hearing.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-0 that the proposed work is not detrimental to the historical and architectural resources of the City and voted to approve the Building Demolition Delay Waiver.

*List of Exhibits:*

*Exhibit A: Building Demolition Delay Waiver application dated August 6, 2019, received August 15, 2019*

*BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: October 4, 2019*

**4. 154 Eastern Avenue – HC-2019-068 (MBL 01-017-00035)**

Petitioner: Richard Kubert  
Year Built: c1894  
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, National Register Individual Property (NRD), National register MRA, fka Eric Carlson Three-Decker

Petition Purpose:

- Repair exterior porches
- Replace roof

*BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: October 7, 2019*

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Peter Maka, owner, appeared upon behalf of the application.

Mr. Maka stated that he is looking to replace the roof and repair the porches, as they are in disrepair.

Vice-Chairman Bloom asked what the roof material is. Mr. Maka stated that roof is asphalt and he would like to replace with architectural shingle.

Mr. Maka provided an overview of the work proposed for the porches. The Commission discussed with Mr. Maka options for the porches, including the design and what materials would be used.

*No Public Comment.*

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Long, the Commission voted 6-0 to close the public hearing.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-0 that the proposed work is not detrimental to the historical and architectural resources of the City and voted to approve the Building Demolition Delay Waiver for the roof.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Kurtz seconded by Commissioner Long, the Commission voted 6-0 that the proposed work is not detrimental to the historical and architectural resources of the City and voted to approve the Building Demolition Delay Waiver for the front porches with condition that the materials and design be in kind.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-0 that the proposed work is not detrimental to the historical and architectural resources of the City and voted to approve the Building Demolition Delay Waiver for the rear porch, railing to code, awning and stairs approved with in-kind replacements.

*List of Exhibits:*

*Exhibit A: Building Demolition Delay Waiver application dated August 19, 2019, received August 23,, 2019*

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. CLG Report – Upon a motion by Commissioner Kurtz and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-0 to approve the CLG report.
- b. Memo from Department of Inspectional Services, re: 31 May Street, received electronically September 4, 2019. No comment.
- c. Letter from VHB, re: Worcester Stormwater Best Management Practices, received September 3, 2019 and dated August 30, 2019. No comment.
- d. Electronic communication from Epsilon Associates, Inc., re: Request for CLG Determination, 204 Main Street. Upon a motion by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Theerman the Commission voted 6-0 to approve the Request for CLG Determination.
- e. Letter from Massachusetts Historical Commission, *Intensive (Locational) Archaeological Survey, DCR Lake Park Playing Field Improvements, Worcester, Massachusetts*, received September 9, 2019 and dated September 5, 2019. No comment.
- f. Request for Letter of Support Re: Whitcomb Factory, 134 Gold Street. Upon a motion by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-0 to approve the Request for Letter of Support.
- g. 6 Humboldt Street – Request for comments from Historical Commission – *Postponed to 10/3/2019*
- h. Communication from Massachusetts Historical Commission, re: WPI New Academic Building, received September 11, 2019 and dated September 6, 2019. No comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion the Commission voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m.