

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER
April 4, 2013

LEVI LINCOLN CHAMBER – CITY HALL

Commission Members Present: Timothy McCann, Chair
Kevin Provencher, Vice-Chair
J. Thomas Constantine
James Crowley
Meagen Mulherin
Andrew Shveda

Commission Members Absent: Erika Dunn

Staff Members Present: Deborah Steele, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services

REGULAR MEETING (5:30 PM)

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair McCann called the meeting to order at 5:33 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 7, 2013, March 21, 2013 – Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission voted 6-0 to approve the minutes of March 7 and March 21, 2013 as written.

New Business:

244 Park Avenue (HC-2013-007):

Dave A. Cole from Cole Contracting, Inc, appeared on behalf of the petitioner, Paul & Marlyn Howley on a Building Demolition Delay Waiver (BDDW) at 244 Park Avenue. Mr. Cole stated the petitioner is seeking to remove the existing window and frame and replace with a new window and frame. Mr. Cole presented an example of type of glass he would be using for the replacement.

Mr. Cole presented a quote of \$15,953.00 for the front window replacement and to furnish all labor, materials, equipment and supervision required to obtain a building permit, attend the Commission meeting for approval, remove and dispose of existing window frame and glass, and install new Bronze Pressure Wall System.

Commissioner Constantine asked if aluminum was there now and Mr. Cole stated that was correct.

Commissioner Provencher stated he had gone to the site and it appears that over the years a number of repairs have been done as there is no consistent material.

Chair McCann asked what is the reason for the panel above the windows. Mr. Cole responded that is where the applicant can place advertising and logos for the business.

Chair McCann asked if applicant would be amenable to a glass option. Mr. Cole responded that he did not think the applicant would have any problem with that.

Commissioner Constantine stated the building was from 1923 when that type of aluminum was not made at that time so windows are not original. The Commission members further discussed whether they thought the window was original.

Commissioner Provencher and Commissioner Shveda stated they would like to see a painted brick mold applied to the two jams at the head of the window opening.

The Commission was in agreement that insulated glass be used for the top sections instead of the proposed bronze aluminum panels.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Provencher and seconded by Commissioner Constantine, the Commission voted 6-0 that the proposed demolition was not detrimental to the historical or architectural resources of the City. The motion passed and the petition was approved with the condition that a painted brick mold is applied to the two jams and the head of the window opening and that insulated glass be used for the top sections instead of the proposed bronze aluminum panels

Exhibit A: Building Demolition Delay Waiver Application; received March 13, 2013 prepared by Cole Contracting, Inc.

Exhibit B: Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System; re: 244 Park Avenue accessed on April 11, 2013.

Exhibit C: Memorandum from Cole Contracting, Inc. to That's Entertainment; re: 244 Park Avenue; received at the April 4, 2013 Historical meeting.

Other Business:

Communication Received – Electronic Communication from Robert E. Longden, Jr. to Joel J. Fontane; Subject: SJ Realty LLC – 371 and 379 Main Street, Worcester request for Letter of Support for listing on National Register of Historic Places; dated March 20, 2013.

Attorney Joshua Lee Smith from Bowditch & Dewey appeared on behalf of SJ Realty LLC on a request for a letter of support. Mr. Smith stated they are no longer looking for a letter of support for 371 Main Street and only requesting a letter of support for 379 Main Street.

The Commission voted 6-0 to have staff draft a letter of support for 379 Main Street to Massachusetts Historical Commission for signature by the Chair.

Exhibit A: Electronic Communication from Robert E Longden, Jr. to Joel J. Fontane; subject; SJ Realty LLC – 371 and 379 Main Street,, Worcester, MA; subject: Request for letter of Support for listing on National Register of Historic Places; dated, March 20, 2013.

Communication Received – Letter from EBI Consulting re: Invitation to Comment, Ensite #13703 / Worcester WPI – New Build, 100 Institute Road; dated March 14, 2013, received March 18, 2013.

The Commission had no comment.

Exhibit A: Letter from EBI Consulting re: Invitation to Comment, Ensite #13703/Worcester WPI – New Build, 100 Institute Road; dated March 14, 2013, received March 18, 2013.

Communication Received – Bulletin from Department of Conservation and Recreation re: Terra Firma #2 – Caring for Mature Trees.

The Commission had no comment.

Exhibit A: Bulletin from Department of Conservation and Recreation re: Terra Firma #2 – Caring for Mature Trees.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion by Chair McCann and seconded by Commissioner Shveda, the Commission voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.