

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

**December 12, 2019**

**LEVI LINCOLN CHAMBER, ROOM 309 – CITY HALL**

**Commission Members Present:** Mark Wamback, Chair  
Randolph Bloom, Vice-Chair  
Robyn Conroy, Clerk  
Cathryn E. Jerome-Mezynski, Alternate  
Diane Long  
Janet Theerman  
Tomi Stefani

**Commission Members Absent:** Devon Kurtz

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 21, 2019**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Long, the Commission voted 6-0 to approve the minutes of November 21, 2019.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**BUILDING DEMOLITION DELAY WAIVER**

**1. 5 Richards Street – HC-2019-072 (MBL 07-009-00005)**

Petitioner: Tony Nguyen  
Year Built: ca. 1829  
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, fka Deacon David Richards House

Petition Purpose:

- Demolish House

*BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: December 22, 2019*

Upon a motion by Commissioner Conroy and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-0 to continue the Building Demolition Delay Waiver application to the January 9, 2020 meeting and set the Constructive Grant Deadline to January 27, 2020.

*List of Exhibits:*

Exhibit A: Building Demolition Delay Waiver application dated September 13, 2019, received September 13, 2019.

Exhibit B: Request for Continuance/Constructive Approval Date Extension, received November 7, 2019.

Exhibit C: Request for Continuance/Constructive Approval Date Extension, received November 21, 2019.

Exhibit D: Request for Continuance/Constructive Approval Date Extension, received December 12, 2019.

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**2. 22 Front Street – HC-2019-077 (MBL 02-025-007+8)**

Petitioner: 10-30 Front Street LLC

Year Built: c1941

Historic Status: MACRIS listed, fka Woolworth, FKA F.W. and Company Store

Petition Purpose:

- Façade renovation

*BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: January 13, 2020*

Felicio Lana, owner, appeared on behalf of the application. He restated his intentions to demolish the existing façade and replace with a glass and aluminum façade which he believes is more opening and welcome. Following up on a request of the Commission made at the November 7, 2019 meeting, Mr. Lana produced a report prepared by Raymond James Restoration detailing the costs associated with restoring the existing façade. Mr. Lana inquired as to whether or not the Commission members have a copy of the report. Steve Rolle stated that staff had only received the report an hour before the meeting, so Commission members have not seen the report. Commissioner Wamback stated that the Commission had not had a chance to review the report, and inquired to Mr. Lana whether he had reviewed it. He stated that he had been able to briefly review it before the meeting.

Commissioner Wamback stated that the report looked comprehensive, but he would like to review it along with the application.

Commissioner Conroy asked how much the restoration would cost. Mr. Lana stated that the glass façade would cost about \$980,000 if everything was to go to plan. The restoration costs would be in the range of \$735,000 to \$775,000. Mr. Lana stated that although the restoration would cost less than his plan for a new façade, we would rather spend \$160,000 to \$180,000 more to attract tenants. He does not believe that he can attract tenants with the way the building looks now. Additionally, he is concerned about natural light in the building, which he believed could be remedied by his glass façade plan. Commissioner Long, who had to walk through the building to get to work for twenty years, agrees that the building is very dark and agrees with Mr. Lana. She equated the proposed façade with the facades of the Apple Stores in Boston and New York, and thinks that Mr. Lana's proposal looks great and that it would be an asset to the city. She does believe that any original architectural features that can be incorporated into the new design should be, but she supports the project.

Mr. Lana explained that he hopes to appeal to everyone in the city with his proposal – it won't be just a market or a gym, but also a restaurant space with rooftop seating that will offer views of the Common and City Hall.

Commissioner Conroy stated that she understood that Mr. Lana's proposal was more appealing in terms of attracting tenants, but believes that the job of the Commission is to determine whether losing the façade would be detrimental to the historical or architectural resources of the City. She believes that demolishing the façade would be detrimental. Mr. Lana agreed that if the façade of the mall was more intact, he would be looking to restore it, but he believes that after 20 – 30 years of deferred maintenance that is not feasible.

Commissioner Stefani agreed that downtown Worcester needs more tenants, however this proposal would mean that the City would lose one of its only remaining Art Deco facades.

Mr. Lana said he believes in preservation and restoration and if he had a guaranteed tenant, he would preserve the façade. However, based on the history of the buildings, he believes that there aren't enough windows to attract tenants. He has thought through many scenarios that would allow the façade to be retained but has not come up with any.

Commissioner Long inquired when Mr. Lana hopes to start the project. He responded that he had hoped to start a month and a half ago, but went on to say that if the waiver gets denied, he will start in September of next year (2020), and if it gets approved, he will start in the spring.

Raymond James Simoncini of Raymond James Restoration appeared on behalf of Mr. Lana. He provided that the estimate is conservative. He believes about 30%-50% of the façade is already gone, and the top six feet would need to be removed. Commissioner Bloom asked what the quality of the façade as it exists is.

Mr. Simoncini responded that he has seen better terra cotta. It is fragile, but a restoration can be done. Commissioner Long inquired whether it would be possible to restore the terra cotta and make the window openings larger. Mr. Simoncini responded that Mr. Lana had considered that, but he wanted to first come back with a proposal to restore the façade rather than alter it in any way. He went on to mention that that could be done, and that the decorative terra cotta panels above the windows are in pretty good shape and could be saved.

Commissioner Stefani inquired how much sunlight would be gained from a glass façade. Mr. Lana responded that it would provide enough sunlight for both floors in the front portion of the mall.

Mr. Lana stated that he understands that the Commissioner's job is to preserve the building and that they in a difficult position.

Commissioner Bloom asked whether Mr. Lana has engaged any other architects to try to come up with a design different than the one presented. He expressed that he believes the kind of look presented [glass façade] has come and gone and there may be other types of designs that may be more effective and at the same time still achieve the same end goal. Mr. Lana responded by saying that he has worked with two different architects and for the idea that he has to fill the need of a grocery store and fitness center for downtown, the glass façade is what they came up with. He was sure if he went to his architects they could come up with a different design, but for the tenants he is trying to target, this is what he believed they would be looking for.

Commissioner Bloom asked Mr. Rolle how much of a concern of the Commission the new design is. Mr. Rolle responded that the purview of the Commission is whether the removal of the façade is detrimental to the historical resources of the City. However, it is sometimes appropriate to also consider what is being put back to assess fully what the impact of losing something is. In this case, the two factors that should be considered are the loss of the historical façade and also the impact of the new façade to the neighboring historical buildings. Commissioner Bloom said that he thinks that the design should complement the buildings on either side. Commissioner Stefani concurred, and said that he would have liked to have seen a different rendering that would both be appealing to the clients and compliment the downtown area.

Commissioner Jerome Mezynski stated that she was against the proposal when the proposal first came before the Commission, but after further insight, she thinks that the building does not have much character left although there are some nice pieces that could somehow be incorporated on the exterior. She stated that she is torn as well. Commissioner Theerman concurred, and said she hopes that the Commissioner and the applicant could reach some type of a compromise.

Commissioner Long inquired what plans the applicant has for the architectural elements to be removed from the exterior of the building. Mr. Lana stated that his plan would be to take the decorative terra cotta panels that are currently situated over the windows and incorporate them into the interior design. The Commissioners listed ideas that could incorporate some of the original façade into the new design, including using original architectural elements on the outside corners or situating them on the inside so that they are visible through the glass. Mr. Lana stated that he would be willing to go back to the table and consider the suggestions, but he does not want to commit to anything. Mr. Simoncini believes that there can be a happy medium, and he believes that the architectural elements over the windows can be saved and incorporated into the design.

Commissioner Bloom requested that the applicant come back with other renderings showing something a bit different than the current proposal. Mr. Lana said he would be willing to talk with his architects to see if they could accommodate the architectural pieces in question into the design.

Commissioner Long said that she supports the project fully and would love to see the Art Deco features incorporated into the design, but thinks it is a great project.

*Public Comment.*

Shaheen Adelinia, a tenant at the Midtown Mall, spoke against the project. He expressed his frustration that the application keeps being continued. He stated that he had developed a 151-page long action plan for the mall with three different concepts for the façade and an action plan for management. He stated he was frustrated with the owner of the building and said he believes the owner is trying to push tenants out.

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

Upon a motion by Commissioner Conroy and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-0 to continue the Building Demolition Delay Waiver application to the February 3, 2020 meeting and set the Constructive Grant Deadline to February 22, 2020.

*List of Exhibits:*

Exhibit A: Building Demolition Delay Waiver application dated September 20, 2019, received September 20, 2019.

Exhibit B: Request for Continuance/Constructive Approval Date Extension, received November 7, 2019.

Exhibit C: Request for Continuance/Constructive Approval Date Extension, received December 12, 2019.

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**3. 5 Massachusetts Avenue – HC-2019-085 (MBL 20-014-00003)**

Petitioner: William Gates

Year Built: 1901

Historic Status: MACRIS listed, FKA Gertrude L. McKoan House; Local Historic District (LHD); National Register District (NRDIS)

Petition Purpose:

- Repaint house and carriage house, including power washing, scraping, priming and finish painting, and caulking

*BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: January 13, 2020*

William Gates, the owner, appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that since he last appeared before the Historical Commission, he met with the Cambridge Historical Commission. The professionals that work for the Cambridge Historical Commission did a color consultation for the property. They gave Mr. Gates a number of houses with historically appropriate color palettes built around the same time period as 5 Massachusetts Avenue as examples. Mr. Gates also purchased a book on the topic.

Mr. Gates shared paint samples and a house with similar colors to those he wishes to paint his house. He said he learned that when it comes to painting a house, different colors are used for the body of the house; the trim; everything that moves (shutters, doors, garage doors); and window sashes. During the time period his house was built in, moving parts were typically painted Essex green, which he will use. Window sashes were black, which he will also use.

Mr. Gates explained that he believes the colors he has chosen will give the house a unique voice on the street.

Commissioner Bloom inquired whether Mr. Gates knows what the original color of the house was. He does not know.

Commissioner Theerman inquired what color Mr. Gates would paint that ceiling and floor of the porch. He will be painting those surfaces a neutral gray.

Mr. Gates said he plans on completing the painting work between May and June.

*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 Conroy and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-0 to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Conroy and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-0 to approve Demolition Delay Waiver

Exhibit A: Building Demolition Delay Waiver application dated October 9, 2018, received October 11, 2019.

Exhibit B: Partial Decision dated November 21, 2019, and stamped by the City Clerk November 22, 2019.

Exhibit C: Request for Continuance/Constructive Approval Date Extension, received November 7, 2019.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS & BUILDING DEMOLITION DELAY WAIVER**

#### **4. 115 Pleasant Street– HC-2019-090 (MBL 03-029-00022)**

Petitioner: Fred Koza

Year Built: c1925

Historic Status: MACRIS listed, FKA the Sheraton Apartment House; within the Crown Hill Local Historic District

Petition Purpose:

- Replace existing storefront windows with new glass and repair and replace damaged wood trim with similar material
- Replace front door with insulated glass door

*BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: January 25, 2020*

Fred Koza, general contractor, appeared on behalf of the application. Mr. Koza stated his intentions to replace the storefront windows with a metal thermal glazing system and insulated glass. Currently in place is division bar glazing with ¼ inch safety or plate glass with wood trim.

Commissioner Bloom mentioned that it became a concern that material had already been removed before Commission review took place. He said the hope is that whatever goes back in be as close to what was removed as possible. The applicants explained that the materials removed were different types of plate glass affixed by division bars. Originally, the storefront window was likely one large piece of glass. Commissioner Conroy said that she would like to see some more detailed drawings of what will be placed in the openings. Commissioner Wamback agreed.

Commissioner Long inquired what the front door would be replaced with. The applicant responded that the door would be replaced with an aluminum door. Commissioner Long asked if there is anything wrong with the door that is currently there. The applicant responded that he hadn't taken a look at the existing front door. He also said that the other doors (not the front door) are in poor shape.

The applicant said that he would be using obscure glass in the transoms and could use an interior grid. Commissioners Wamback and Bloom both said that they would like more details and drawings to help illustrate the changes.

*No Public Comment.*

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Conroy, the Commission voted 7-0 to close the public hearing.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Conroy and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 7-0 to continue the Certificate of Appropriateness and Building Demolition Delay Waiver application to the January 23, 2020 meeting and set the Constructive Grant Deadline to February 10, 2020.

*List of Exhibits:*

Exhibit A: Building Demolition Delay Waiver application dated November 6, 2019, received November 26, 2019.

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**Building Demolition Delay Waiver**

**5. 10 Heroult Road – HC-2019-047 (MBL 37-008-00039)**

Petitioner: Elizabeth A. Austin

Year Built: c1915

Historic Status: MACRIS listed; National Register District (NRDIS); National Register Multiple Resource Area (MRA)

Petition Purpose:

- Install windows
- Install vinyl siding
- Repair rot

*BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: December 8, 2019*

Deborah Steele told the Commission that the applicants for 10 Heroult Road had come before the Commission in the summer and subsequently withdrew the application in order to have more time to apply on the basis of economic hardship.

Elizabeth Austin, the owner of 10 Heroult Road, and Tom Gadbois, general contractor, appeared on behalf of the application. Ms. Austin presented a quote to the Commission that showed the costs associated with replacing the existing cedar shakes in-kind as well as the costs associated with replacing the cedar shakes with vinyl siding. The vinyl estimate was just under \$23,000, and the cost to replace in-kind with cedar was about \$48,000. Mr. Gadbois also shared a color sample with the Commission, which closely matched the current color of the house.

There was some discussion amongst staff and Commission members that the existing cedar shakes may not be original to the house, and the use of vinyl siding that resembles wood clapboards may be more similar to the building's original appearance than the existing wood shakes.

*Public Comment*

Elaine Fernari appeared in support of the application. She lives in the neighborhood and believes that in its current state, Ms. Austin's house is a bit of an eyesore. She mentioned that almost every house in the neighborhood has been changed to vinyl siding, and she thinks that vinyl siding would make the house look nicer.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Conroy, the Commission voted 7-0 to close the public hearing.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Conroy and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 1-6 to deny the Building Demolition Delay Waiver.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Conroy and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 7-0 to approve Certificate of Economic Hardship.

*List of Exhibits:*

Exhibit A: Building Demolition Delay Waiver application dated July 3, 2019, received July 3, 2019.

Exhibit B: Request for Continuance/Constructive Approval Date Extension, received July 30, 2019.

Exhibit C: Request for Continuance/Constructive Approval Date Extension, received August 20, 2019.

Exhibit D: Request for Continuance/Constructive Approval Date Extension, received September 3, 2019.

Exhibit E: Request to withdraw application, received September 19, 2019.

Exhibit F: Re-advertisement of application dated November 28, 2019.

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## **6. 96 William Street – HC-2019-089 (MBL 02-047-00046)**

Petitioner: Rafael Hernandez

Year Built: c1908

Historic Status: MACRIS listed, FKA Ralph L. Morgan House; National Register District (NRDIS), National Register Multiple Resource Area (MRA)

Petition Purpose:

- Demolish historic garage
- Install handicap ramp and accessible entrance
- Restore windows

*BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: January 4, 2020*

David Sadowski, principal of DJ & Associates, and Rafel Hernandez of Acropolis Design appeared on behalf of the application.

Mr. Sadowski explained to the Commission that the house at 96 William Street, built in 1908, suffered a three-alarm fire that burned approximately 30% of the interior. The windows that will be replaced are the windows that had to be removed by firefighters during the fire. The applicants also propose to install a handicap ramp and lift to offer accessibility to the first floor. The applicants withdrew their initial request to remove the garage. Mr. Sadowski provided photographs of the garage and renderings of the proposed handicap ramp, which will not be visible from the street. One window would be removed to accommodate the handicap ramp and lift.

Commissioner Theerman inquired how many units would be going into the building. Mr. Sadowski stated that the plan is to create six units.

Mr. Rolle summarized for the Commission the work that would be under the purview of the Commission, including minor repairs as needed to preserve the garage; the installation of a handicap ramp not visible from the public way; and the replacement of any broken windows, in-kind.

Commissioner Long stated that she was happy that the garage was being kept.

Commissioner Theerman asked whether some interior elements would be retained. Mr. Hernandez stated that they would be able to keep some of the original interior details.

Commissioner Stefani asked whether the roof had any damage. Mr. Hernandez stated that the rear portion had some damage, and would need to be partially replaced. Commissioner Stefani asked whether the roof covering is currently shingle or slate. Mr. Sadowski and Commissioner Bloom stated that roof is asphalt shingles. Mr. Rolle stated that if the roof is in fact asphalt shingle, work to it can be authorized with a Compliance Form.

### *Public Comment*

Frances Lundblad of 112 Russell Street spoke against the application. She stated that this project is a significant conversion from a single-family home and she is curious why the Building Demolition Delay Waiver would be granted prior to the conversion being approved by the Planning Board [ZBA]. She was concerned with the impacts of rental housing in the neighborhood and also about the impact of a parking

lot in the neighborhood. She asked that the Commission not approve the waiver until the other boards that need to review the work do so. She also complained about the incursions that have already taken place by Becker.

Commissioner Bloom asked by Mr. Rolle how the Commission can address Ms. Lundblad's concerns. Mr. Rolle explained that applicants can navigate the permitting and review process and there is not much difference in which order they choose to navigate it in. He also mentioned that the parking lot, which was one of the items mentioned, is out of the purview of the Historical Commission. The work proposed, including the replacement of windows and the installation of the handicap lift, are largely independent projects separate from any use change.

Commissioner Bloom encouraged neighbors to look into becoming a Local Historic District.

Mr. Sadowski stated that they did not plan on constructing the handicap ramp unless all other permits were approved.

Commissioner Wamback stated that while he appreciated the passion shown by neighbors, he did not want to get too far off track since the Historical Commission is not the place to have discussions about how a use change would affect the neighborhood. He stated that the purview of the Historical Commission is only on the exterior of the building.

Patricia Glennon-Wiener of 87 William Street spoke against the application. She would like to see the windows and roof fixed, but she believes that a ramp or chair lift should not be approved.

Therese Carr of 85 William Street spoke against the application. She was concerned about the implications of the project to the neighborhood. She echoed the opinions of her neighbors. She was also concerned about discrepancies in the plans and hoped for more time to get more information on the project. She also spoke on behalf of her neighbor, Ivy, saying she wants that side of the neighborhood to be heard.

Ken Harling of 124 Russell Street spoke against the project. He mentioned that he has served on boards and commissions and has come before the Historical Commission in the past. He stated that he has the same concerns as his neighbors. He asked how many occupants of the building there would be. Commissioner Wamback explained that the number of occupants is not something the Commission takes into consideration. Mr. Harling mentioned that he thought the most significant change, then, would be the parking lot. Commissioner Wamback stated that the Commission also does not have purview over the parking lot.

Mr. Rolle explained to Mr. Harling and to other members of the audience the permitting and review process again.

Mr. Harling went on to mention that the demolition of the garage is within the purview of the Commission. Members of the Commission reminded Mr. Harling that the garage would not be removed. Commissioner Wamback restated what work the Commission was reviewing.

Ms. Carr returned to the podium, and asked whether it would be possible to approve only the replacement of the windows and wait on approving the lift. She also mentioned that she and her neighbors would move forward with designating the area as a Local Historic District, but she hoped that on principle the Board would not issue the waiver.

Mr. Sadowski said that in order to come up with a floor plan, they need to know whether or not the lift would be allowed. He also stated that if necessary, the board could condition that the lift only be built if the project received ZBA approval. Mr. Hernandez also said even if the house was kept as a single family, a chair lift could still be installed for added marketability.

Commissioner Wamback inquired whether the Commission should consider the use of the building when looking at whether or not to approve the installation of the chair lift. Mr. Rolle advised the board to vote on the change without considering the use of the building.



Commissioner Conroy asked whether or not the Board could condition the application based on whether or not it gets approved by ZBA. Mr. Rolle said that the Board could condition it based on ZBA approval, but reminded the Commission that if an owner of a single-family home came before the Board looking to install a lift, ZBA approval wouldn't even be a consideration.

Commissioner Theerman asked what will be lost to provide adequate parking. The applicants stated that grass would be removed. Commissioner Theerman also asked how many parking spaces would be provided. Mr. Sadowski stated that there would be four parking spaces in the garage; seven regular spaces in the parking lot; and one handicap spot in the parking lot. Commissioner Theerman expressed concern that if no handicap person lived in the building, the handicap spot would take away from someone else in the building. Mr. Rolle briefly explained handicap parking regulations, and told the Commission that they were moving far outside of their purview.

Ivy Ahluwalia of 98 William Street spoke against the application. She reiterated the concerns of her neighbors. She wanted to know the use of the building before any changes are made to the exterior of the property.

Mr. Sadowski stated that he met with Ivy previously, and she said as long as the building stays, she would be happy.

Mr. Hernandez asked the Commission members whether they meet requirements under their purview, noting that he believes that is the only thing that should be considered.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Long the Commission voted 7-0 to close the public hearing.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Conroy and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-1 to approve Building Demolition Delay Waiver on the condition of future ZBA approval.

*List of Exhibits:*

Exhibit A: Building Demolition Delay Waiver application dated November 21, 2019, received November 26, 2019.

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**7. 55 Salisbury Street – HC-2019-091 (MBL 02-036-00096)**

Petitioner: Josh Fiedler and Seth Wiseman

Year Built: 1897

Historic Status: MACRIS listed, Worcester Art Museum; National Register District (NRDIS), National Register Multiple Resource Area (MRA)

Petition Purpose:

- Demolish existing concrete stairs and replace with new stairs
- Install a new elevator to provide access to the Higgins Education Wing.

*BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: January 10, 2020*

Seth Wiseman, associate architect and project manager; Josh Fiedler, architect of record; and Fran Pedone, Director of Facilities and Technology for the Worcester Art Museum appeared on behalf of the project. Mr. Wiseman explained that the intent of the project is to remove the decaying stairs on the Lancaster Street elevation and replace them with a more modest set of stairs, and also to install a new elevator to promote accessibility. The existing stairs will become a plaza.

Mr. Rolle explained that the work on the stairs was partially approved through administrative review, but the stairs attach to the building, and are, therefore, under the Building Demolition Delay ordinance.

Commissioner Bloom expressed his excitement for the project.

Commissioner Bloom also expressed that the new design is more elegant and is happy with the placement of the elevator. Mr. Wiseman said that originally they had hoped to nestle the elevator completely behind an exterior elevation as to not have it visible, but the need for gurney access made it not possible.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Long the Commission voted 7-0 to close the public hearing.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 7-0 to approve Building Demolition Delay Waiver.

*List of Exhibits:*

Exhibit A: Building Demolition Delay Waiver application dated November 19, 2019, received November 26, 2019.

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. Request for letter of support from Anser Advisory re: YWCA, 1 Salem Square
- b. Notice of MHC receipt of National Register Nomination for Torrey Razor Company, 128 Chandler Street
- c. MHC Comments for submitted National Register Nomination for Indian Hill School, 155 Ararat Street
- d. Request for letters of support from PAL, Inc. re: Bancroft Hotel, 50 Franklin Street; Cheney-Ballard Building, 517 Main Street; Park Building, 507 Main Street; Worcester Boys' Club, Lincoln Square; Worcester County Courthouse, 2 Main Street
- e. Request for letter of support from Traggorth Companies, LLC, re: Mission Chapel, 205 Summer Street
- f. Request for letters of support from MacRostie Historic Advisors, LLC re: 98 Beacon Street; Elwood Adams Hardware Store, 156 Main Street; Paul Revere Life Insurance Company Building, 18 Chestnut Street; Quinsigamond Firehouse, 15 Blackstone River Road; Worcester Boys Club, 2 Ionic Avenue; Whitcomb Manufacturing Company, 134 Gold Street; and Worcester YWCA, 1 Salem Square.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Conroy the Commission voted 7-0 to issue new letters of support for items a, d, e, and f.

Commissioner Bloom mentioned that Michelle Johnstone inquired whether or not he would be willing to stay on as a Commissioner until a replacement is found. He said he would be willing to do so if that is an acceptable process. Mr. Rolle stated that the ordinance says that a Commissioner may continue to serve upon the expiration of their term until a replacement can be named. He stated that Commissioner Bloom would be free to stay on the Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Commissioner by Long and seconded by Commissioner Theerman the Commission voted 7-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.