

WORCESTER HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING

November 3, 2005 – 4:15 PM

Preservation Worcester, 10 Cedar Street, Worcester

MINUTES

Members Present: Michael Theerman
Tom Johnson
Peter Schneider
Jeanice Sherman
Tom Constantine
Sally Jablonski
Tom Conroy

Staff Present: Joel Fontane, Division of Planning
Ruth Gentile, Division of Planning
Edgar Luna, Division of Planning

Regular Meeting: 4:15 PM

- 1- **Call to Order:** Dr. Michael Theerman called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM.
- 2- **Site Presentation:** Deborah Packard, Executive Director of Preservation Worcester, made a presentation regarding the history, mission and future goals of Preservation Worcester. Ms. Packard also described the history of the acquisition of the residence at 10 Cedar Street, the importance of its architecture, and the role it plays as an integral part of Preservation Worcester.
- 3- **Approval of the Minutes:** Upon a motion by Peter Schneider and seconded by Tom Johnson, the Commission voted 6-0 to approve the October 6, 2005 minutes.

Continuations:

- 4- **280-282 Highland Street – Building Demolition Delay:** Michael Theerman and Sally Jablonski recused themselves from the meeting. Tom Johnson Assumed the Chair. Atty. John Shea presented the proposed plan to demolish the garage at this address. Atty. Kathleen Windsor spoke in opposition to the proposed demolition of the garage. Upon a motion by Peter Schneider and seconded by Jeanice Sherman, the Commission voted 5-0 to close the hearing. The Commission deliberated extensively on the information provided by both parties. Upon a motion by Peter Schneider and seconded by Tom Conroy that the Commission had found that the demolition of the garage at 280-282 Highland Street will not be detrimental to the historic heritage of the City of Worcester, the Commission voted 4-1 (Jeanice Sherman voted no), to waive the Building Demolition Delay.

New Hearings:

- 5- 1511 Main Street – Building Demolition Delay:** Edgar Luna informed the Commission that Atty. Patricia Gates, on behalf of the applicant Kettle Brook lofts, LLC, had submitted a letter requesting to be allowed to withdraw the application without prejudice. Upon a motion by Tom Johnson and seconded by Jeanice Sherman, the commission voted 6-0 to allow the petitioner to withdraw without prejudice.
- 6- 34 Westland Street – Building Demolition Delay:** Thomas Manning presented the proposed plan to demolish and replace the deck attached to this residence with like materials. Upon a motion by Peter Schneider and seconded by Jeanice Sherman, the Commission voted 6-0 to close the hearing. Upon a motion by Peter Schneider and seconded by Jeanice Sherman that the proposed demolition and replacement of the deck will not be detrimental to the historical heritage of the City of Worcester, the Commission voted 6-0 to waive the Building demolition Delay.
- 7- 80 Malvern Road – Building Demolition Delay:** Joshua Lee presented the proposed plan. Upon a motion by Peter Schneider and seconded by Jeanice Sherman, the Commission voted 6-0 to close the hearing. Upon a motion by Jeanice Sherman and seconded by Peter Schneider that the removal and replacement the roof with asphalt shingles, the restoration of the 8’ x 8’ left-side porch with like structure and materials, and the installation of a new 10’ x 20’ deck in the rear of the house utilizing historically accurate architectural details, will not be detrimental to the historical heritage of the City of Worcester, the Commission voted 6-0 to waive the Building Demolition Delay.
- 8- 533 Massasoit Road – Building Demolition Delay:** Mark Mancuso presented the proposed plan. Upon a motion by Jeanice Sherman and seconded by Tom Johnson, the Commission voted 6-0 to close the hearing. Upon a motion by Peter Schneider and seconded by Tom Johnson that the proposed expansion of the rear of the house to enlarge the existing utilizing historically accurate architectural details, will not be detrimental to the historical heritage of the City of Worcester, the Commission voted 6-0 to waive the Building Demolition Delay.

Other Business:

- 9- Local Historic Districts:** Ruth Gentile made a presentation regarding improvements to the City’s Website, and Geographic Information System regarding the Montvale and Massachusetts Avenue Local Historic District.
- 10- Piedmont Street Historic Properties Project Update:** Edgar Luna reminded Commission members that the Piedmont St. Project Presentation would take place on November 17th, 2005 at the Worcester Public Library – Saxe room.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM

