

WORCESTER HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING

December 8, 2005 – 5:15 PM
418 Main Street, 4th. Floor, Conference Room

MINUTES

Members Present: Dr. Mike Theerman
Dr. Peter Schneider
Dr. Tom Johnson
Dr. Tom Conroy
Tom Constantine
Jeanice Sherman

Staff Present: Edgar Luna, Planning Division
Tom Sweeney, Economic Development

Regular Meeting: 4:15 pm

- 1- **Call to Order:** Michael Theerman called the meeting to Order at 4:20 pm
- 2- **Approval of the minutes:** Upon a motion by Peter Schneider and seconded by Tom Johnson the Commission voted 6-0 to approve the November 3, 2005 minutes.

Presentation:

- 3- **17 Southgate Place (Lower Junction Shops):** Tom Sweeney made a presentation of the physical conditions of the buildings located at 17 Southgate Place, also known as the Lower Junction Shops, the Adriatic Mills and 65 Armory St. Susan McDaniel Ceccacci and Deborah Packard from preservation Worcester spoke in opposition of demolishing these historic structures. Ms. Ceccacci encouraged the City to consider alternative solutions to redeveloping this parcel, preserving these structures. Tom Johnson and Peter Schneider requested Mr. Sweeney to give Commissioners an opportunity to visit the facilities to provide them with additional information on the conditions of these historic structures, and he agreed. Edgar Luna informed Commissioners that the City of Worcester had applied for a Building Demolition Waiver, and was scheduled for 12-15-05. Peter Schneider stated that the Commission did not have sufficient information on this matter. Therefore, upon a motion by Peter Schneider and seconded by Tom Johnson, the Commission voted 6-0 to continue this item to January 18, 2006.