

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

**APRIL 12, 2007
CHASE BUILDING, 44 FRONT STREET, WORCESTER
ROOM 300 – CONFERENCE ROOM**

Commission Members Present: Peter Schneider, Chair
Thomas Conroy, Clerk
Michael Theerman
Thomas Constantine
James Crowley

Staff Present: Edgar Luna, Division of Planning and Regulatory Services

REGULAR MEETING (5:30 PM)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schneider called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Thomas Conroy and seconded by Michael Theerman, it was voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2007 meeting.

Upon a motion by Thomas Conroy, and seconded by Michael Theerman, it was voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2007 meeting with three amendments on page 2.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Mr. Luna informed the Commission that there were no updates on the Historic Commission procedures, or the local option property tax assessment.

NEW BUSINESS

2. **50 Hitchcock Street (HC-07-03).** Arthur Tucker, representative for the petitioner, presented the petition. Mr. Tucker stated that the petitioner was seeking a Building Demolition Delay Waiver to implement the following renovations: (1) remove and replace 17 double hung windows, (2) remove and replace one sliding window, and (3) remove and replace one door with a vinyl window of the same size, scale and profile as the original. He also stated that all windows were in poor condition and had been painted with lead paint. In addition, He informed the Commission that the petitioner was planning to strip all doors of any lead paint they may contain, refinish them with non-toxic material, and re-hang them in their original locations. Upon reviewing the

petition submitted, and the evidence provided, the Worcester Historical Commission found that the proposed demolition would not be detrimental to the architectural or historical resources of the City of Worcester. Therefore, on motion by James Crowley and seconded by Michael Theerman, it was voted 5-0 to grant the Building Demolition Delay Waiver.

NEW BUSINESS

- 3. Resignations:** Edgar Luna informed the Commission that the Office of the City Manager had received the resignations of Commissioners Sally Jablonski and Thomas Johnson. Chair Schneider stated that the Historical Commission will hold elections to select a new Vice-Chair during the next two months.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 4. North Main St. Economic Development Strategy Area:** Chair Schneider informed the Commission that George Ciccone, Director of Downtown Development, sent him a letter dated March 19, 2007, inviting the Commission to designate two members to attend a series of stakeholders focus group meetings to identify new opportunities for development that would be integrated with the various existing proposals, projects, and plans for the area into a market-driven, financially responsible and sustainable redevelopment strategy. Following a discussion on this topic, Chair Schneider designated Michael Theerman and Tom Conroy to represent the Commission at these meetings. They will alternate attending such meetings in addition to him.
- 5. Commission Meeting Schedule:** Mr. Luna provided the Commission with a new Board Application Deadlines and Meeting Schedule from July, 2007 to January, 2008. Upon a motion by Tom Constantine and seconded by Michael Theerman, it was voted 5-0 to approve the following meeting dates:

July 12, 2007
July 26, 2007
August 9, 2007
August 23, 2007
September 13, 2007
September 27, 2007
October 11, 2007
October 25, 2007
November 8, 2007
December 13, 2007
December 27, 2007
January 10, 2008
January 24, 2008

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Schneider adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.