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

September 19, 2019

ESTHER HOWLAND, ROOM 302 – CITY HALL

Commission Members Present: Randolph Bloom, Vice-Chair
Devon Kurtz
Diane Long
Janet Theerman
Tomi Stefani
Cathryn E. Jerome-Mezynski, Alternate

Commission Members Absent: Mark Wamback
Robyn Conroy

Commissioner Bloom welcomed the new member, Cathryn E. Jerome-Mezynski

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 22, 2019; SEPTEMBER 5, 2019

Upon a motion by Commissioner Kurtz and seconded by Commissioner Long, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the meeting minutes of September 5, 2019.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the meeting minutes of August 22, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

Building Demolition Delay Waiver

1. 10 Heroult Road – HC-2019-047 (MBL 37-008-00039)

Petitioner: Elizabeth A. Austin
Year Built: c1915
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, National Register District (NRD), National Register (MRA)

Petition Purpose:
• Install vinyl siding

BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: October 4, 2019

NEW BUSINESS

Building Demolition Delay Waiver

2. 4 Diamond Street – HC-2019-061 (MBL 05-031-19+50)

Petitioner: Solstice V. Properties, Inc.
Year Built: c1888
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, fka Catherine Loftus Three-Decker

Petition Purpose:
• Replace house roof
• Replace damaged wood, roof, and windows of garage
• Window replacement on garage
BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: October 4, 2019

No one appeared for the item.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Kurtz and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-0 to continue the Building Demolition Delay Waiver application to the October 3, 2019 Historical Commission meeting and to extend the Constructive Grant Deadline to October 18, 2019.

3. 64-68 West Boylston Street – HC-2019-064 (MBL 13-026-00010)

Petitioner: Trichome Health Corporation
Year Built: c1920
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, Thomas Lakin Block

Petition Purpose:
- Remove brick for installation of new doors/windows
- Replace existing aluminum storefront

Scott Dzik, architect of the project, appeared upon behalf of the applicant, Trichome Health Corporation.

Mr. Dzik stated that they are looking to replace the existing aluminum storefront, and, on the side façade, remove the door and replace in-kind and cut two new window openings.

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 Long and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-0 that the proposed work is not detrimental to the historical and architectural resources of the City and voted to approve the Building Demolition Delay Waiver.

List of Exhibits:
Exhibit A: Building Demolition Delay Waiver application dated August 6, 2019, received August 15, 2019

BDDW Constructive Grant Deadline: October 4, 2019

4. 154 Eastern Avenue – HC-2019-068 (MBL 01-017-00035)

Petitioner: Richard Kubert
Year Built: c1894
Historic Status: MACRIS listed, National Register Individual Property (NRD), National register MRA, fka Eric Carlson Three-Decker

Petition Purpose:
- Repair exterior porches
- Replace roof

Peter Maka, owner, appeared upon behalf of the application.

Mr. Maka stated that he is looking to replace the roof and repair the porches, as they are in disrepair.

Vice-Chairman Bloom asked what the roof material is. Mr. Maka stated that roof is asphalt and he would like to replace with architectural shingle.

Mr. Maka provided an overview of the work proposed for the porches. The Commission discussed with Mr. Maka options for the porches, including the design and what materials would be used.

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 Long and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-0 that the proposed work is not detrimental to the historical and architectural resources of the City and voted to approve the Building Demolition Delay Waiver for the roof.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Kurtz seconded by Commissioner Long, the Commission voted 6-0 that the proposed work is not detrimental to the historical and architectural resources of the City and voted to approve the Building Demolition Delay Waiver for the front porches with condition that the materials and design be in kind.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-0 that the proposed work is not detrimental to the historical and architectural resources of the City and voted to approve the Building Demolition Delay Waiver for the rear porch, railing to code, awning and stairs approved with in-kind replacements.

List of Exhibits:
Exhibit A: Building Demolition Delay Waiver application dated August 19, 2019, received August 23, 2019

COMMUNICATIONS

a. CLG Report – Upon a motion by Commissioner Kurtz and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-0 to approve the CLG report.

b. Memo from Department of Inspectonal Services, re: 31 May Street, received electronically September 4, 2019. No comment.


d. Electronic communication from Epsilon Associates, Inc., re: Request for CLG Determination, 204 Main Street. Upon a motion by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Theerman the Commission voted 6-0 to approve the Request for CLG Determination.


f. Request for Letter of Support Re: Whitcomb Factory, 134 Gold Street. Upon a motion by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted 6-0 to approve the Request for Letter of Support.

g. 6 Humboldt Street – Request for comments from Historical Commission – Postponed to 10/3/2019

h. Communication from Massachusetts Historical Commission, re: WPI New Academic Building, received September 11, 2019 and dated September 6, 2019. No comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion the Commission voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m.