



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

Thursday, July 14, 2022

Worcester City Hall - Levi Lincoln Chamber,
with remote participation options available via Webex online at
<https://cow.webex.com/meet/historicalncommissionwebex> and
call-in number 415-655-0001 (Access Code: 1608081191).

Commissioners Present: Janet Theerman, Vice-Chair
Randolph Bloom (participated remotely)
Erika Helnarski (participated remotely)
Vanessa Andre, Alternate (participated remotely)

Commissioners Absent: Diane Long, Chair
Devon Kurtz
Tomi Stefani
Steven Taylor

Staff Present: Michelle Johnstone, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services (DPRS)

Call Commission to Order – 5:30 PM

At 5:30 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Bloom.

Approval of Minutes – 05/19/2022, 06/02/2022, 06/30/2022

On a motion by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Bloom, the Commission voted four (4) in favor and zero (0) opposed to approve the May 19, 2022 and June 2, 2022 meeting minutes.

Approval of the June 30, 2022 meeting minutes was held until a later date.

New Business

Building Demolition Delay Waiver

1. 82 Institute Road – HC-2022-049 (MBL 02-044-01+02)

Nick Palumbo, Director of Design & Construction at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), on behalf of WPI, the applicant, participated remotely in the meeting. He described the nature of the proposed work, which is to be confined to the one-story ca. 1973 connector addition known as “The Wedge,” which connects Morgan Hall and Daniels Hall. He stated that the proposed work includes the replacement of an existing storefront window assembly.

Commissioner Bloom asked Ms. Johnstone why this project came before the Commission given that the portion of the building to be altered is less than fifty years old. Ms. Johnstone stated that the project was under the purview of the Commission due to the fact that the subject is located within a National Register Historic District.

The Commission had no comment on the proposal.

Public Comment

None.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Helnarski, the Commission voted four (4) in favor and zero (0) opposed to close the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Helnarski, the Commission voted four (4) in favor and zero (0) opposed that the work proposed at 82 Institute Road, consisting of replacing windows and creating a new egress on the section of the property called “The Wedge” would not be detrimental to the historical and architectural resources of the City of Worcester. Having gained a unanimous vote, the motion passed and the Building Demolition Delay Waiver for 82 Institute Road was thus approved.

List of Exhibits

Exhibit A. Building Demolition Delay Waiver application dated June 22, 2022, and received June 23, 2022.

Communications

- A. 8 Norwich Street PNF to MHC, and MHC request for information.
No action was taken on this item.

- B. Invitation to comment on proposed telecommunication facility installation at 355 Main Street (Section 106).
Commissioner Bloom asked which building on Main Street this is. Ms. Johnstone shared an image of the building.

On a motion made by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Bloom, the Commission voted four (4) in favor and zero (0) opposed to decline to issue comment on the proposed telecommunication facility at 355 Main Street.

- C. Invitation to comment on proposed telecommunication facility installation at 8 Grafton Street (Section 106).
Commissioner Bloom asked to see a photograph of the building. Ms. Johnstone shared an image of the building.

On a motion made by Commissioner Theerman and seconded by Commissioner Helnarski, the Commission voted four (4) in favor and zero (0) opposed to decline to issue comment on the proposed telecommunication facility at 8 Grafton Street.

Other Business

None

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Theerman, the Commission voted four (4) in favor and zero (0) opposed to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:50 p.m.