

# WORCESTER HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING

December 15, 2005 – 4:15 PM  
Division of Planning & Regulatory Services  
418 Main St., Worcester

## MINUTES

Revised 12-29-05

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

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

### Regular Meeting: 4:15 pm

- 1- **Call to Order:** Dr. Michael Theerman called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm.
- 2- **Approval of the minutes:** Upon a motion by Peter Schneider and seconded by Tom Constantine, the Commission voted 6-0 to approve the December 8, 2005 minutes.

### New Hearings:

- 3- **14 Claremont Street:** Atty. Robert Longden made the presentation, on behalf of the petitioner, South Middlesex Non-profit Housing Corporation. Presently located at the premises is a vacant, MACRIS registered three family dwelling. The petitioner seeks to do the following: (a) Remove and replace the existing porch. Replace portions of the roof. (b) Remove damaged windows and replaced them with same size windows as the originals. (c) Re-point the chimney. During his presentation, Atty. Longden stated that the petitioner plans to use the renovated building as a residential program for former substance-abuse adults. Upon a motion by Peter Schneider and seconded by Tom Johnson, the Commission voted 6-0 to waive the Building Demolition Delay with the following conditions:
  - **The sections of the roof that still have slate will be preserved and restored appropriately.**

- **The front porch columns will be replaced by columns in a style and manner that is consistent with the era of the original construction and similar to columns found in surrounding historic buildings.**
- 4- 89 Shrewsbury Street:** Attorneys Mark Donahue and Todd Rodman made the presentation on behalf of the petitioner, Condron Worcester Realty LLC. Presently located at the premises is a historic, MACRIS registered empty building, which the petitioner seeks to renovate for a restaurant and office space uses. He plans to remove and replace the existing damaged windows and doors with windows and doors of the same size as the originals, in a manner that is consistent with the era of the original construction, except the ground floor windows on the south façade, which will be enlarged by lowering the sill as indicated on the submitted plans. Upon a motion by Tom Johnson and seconded by Peter Schneider, the Commission voted 6-0 to waive the Building Demolition Delay.
- 5- 17 Southgate Place:** Tom Sweeney, on behalf of the City of Worcester, submitted a letter requesting a continuance of the Building Demolition Delay hearing to the January 19, 2006 Worcester Historical Commission Meeting. Upon a motion by Sally Jablonski and seconded by Tom Constantine, the Commission voted 6-0 to continue the Building Demolition Delay hearing to the January 19, 2006 meeting.
- 6- Election of new Officers:** Upon a motion by Sally Jablonski and seconded by Tom Constantine, the Commission voted 6-0 to approve the following Slate of Officers for 2006:
- A- Chairman:** Peter Schneider
  - B- Vice-Chairman:** Tom Johnson
  - C- Clerk:** Tom Conroy
- 7- Approval of the 2006 Meeting Schedule:** Following a lengthy discussion regarding the pros and cons of holding meeting twice per month, and upon a motion by Michael Theerman and seconded by Tom Conroy, the Commission voted 6-0 to approve the plan to meet twice per month on the second and fourth Thursday of every month, and change the meeting time from 4:15 pm to 5:30 pm.
- **Adjournment:** Chairman Peter Schneider adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.