



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

Thursday, April 7, 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: Devon Kurtz, Chair
Diane Long, Vice-Chair
Janet Theerman, Clerk
Randolph Bloom
Tomi Stefani
Erika Helnarski, Alternate
Steven Taylor, Alternate

Commissioners Absent:

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

Call Commission to Order – 5:30 PM

Approval of Minutes – 2/24/2022, 3/12/2022, 3/24/2022-Held.

New Business

Building Demolition Delay Waiver

1. 9–11 Haviland Street – HC-2022-019 (MBL 11-010-00022)

Dan Beniot and Chuck Rosenblum appeared in person to speak in regard to the application.

Mr. Benoit stated that the porch is in disrepair and they are looking to repair it and replace elements of it. He stated that they would like to replace the columns with structural columns, as they are rotted. The railing system would be replaced with a PVC railing system.

Chairman Kurtz asked if design would remain the same as existing. Mr. Benoit stated that it would.

Commissioner Bloom asked if the PVC railing system would need to be painted. Mr. Rosenblum stated that his intention would be to paint afterwards to match the trim.

Commissioner Theerman requested that a square lattice apron be used in lieu of a diamond one.

Public Comment

Ms. Johnstone stated that the Commission had received in writing a comment in support of the project. The public comment, from Greg and Mira Ormsby of 8 Haviland Street, was read into the record by Commissioner Long.

Upon a motion made and duly seconded the Commission voted seven (7) and zero (0) opposed to close the Public Hearing.

Upon a motion made and duly seconded the Commission voted seven (7) in favor and zero (0) opposed, on a motion made and duly seconded, that the work proposed at 9–11 Haviland Street, consisting of the repair and replacement of elements of the front porch, on the condition that new PVC elements be painted white and that square lattice be used underneath the porch, would not be detrimental to the historical and architectural resources of the City. Having gained a majority vote, the motion passed and the Building Demolition Delay Waiver for 9–11 Haviland Street was thus approved.

List of Exhibits

Exhibit A. Building Demolition Delay Waiver Application dated and received March 17, 2022.

2. 9 May Street – HC-2022-020 (MBL 06-036-00026)

Timothy Hansen from City of Worcester Division of Housing appeared in person on behalf 9 May Limited Partnership, the owner, to speak in regard to the application.

Mr. Hansen stated that they are deleading the building and need to replace some of the windows in the building in the mansard. He stated that the replacement windows would be simulated divided light (SDL) black replacement windows.

Public Comment

No public comment

Upon a motion made and duly seconded the Commission voted seven (7) in favor and zero (0) opposed to close the Public Hearing.

Upon a motion made and duly seconded the Commission voted seven (7) in favor and zero (0) opposed, on a motion made and duly seconded, that the work proposed at 9 May Street, consisting of the replacement of select windows with SDL replacement windows in black would not be detrimental to the historical and architectural resources of the City. Having gained a majority vote, the motion passed and the Building Demolition Delay Waiver for 9 May Street was thus approved.

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Communications

- A. Request from Epsilon Associates for updated letters of support for State Historic Tax Credit allocations for Walker Shoe Factory, 28 Water Street; Worcester County Institution for Savings, 365 Main Street; Second State Mutual Company, 340 Main Street; Ransom Taylor Block, 526–536 Main Street; Kane Furniture Company Building, 204 Main Street; Saint Mary’s Roman Catholic Church, 50 Richland Street; Sargent Card clothing Company, 300 Southbridge Street.

Upon a motion made and duly seconded the Commission voted seven (7) in favor and zero (0) opposed to issue updated Letters of Support.

- B. Request from PAL for updated letters of support for State Historic Tax Credit allocations for Worcester Boys' Club, 16 Salisbury Street & Cheney Ballard Building, 517 Main Street.

Upon a motion made and duly seconded the Commission voted seven (7) in favor and zero (0) opposed to issue updated Letters of Support.

Other Business

- A. Elm Park Local Historic District report review and vote.

Held.

- B. Commission officer annual elections.

Held.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made and duly seconded the Commission voted seven (7) and zero (0) opposed to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 p.m.