



April 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes

On Thursday, April 21, 2022, the Local Historic District Commission (LHDC) held a Public Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Marco Crescentini, Chair
Matteo Riondato Commissioner
Stephen Fay Commissioner
Olivia Mausel, Alternate

Others Present:

1. Call to Order: At 5:30 p.m., Marco Crescentini called the LHDC Meeting to order.
2. Previous Meeting Minutes: The previous meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Update on Sacred Heart/Our Lady of Guadalupe Church application: Olivia Mausel announced that the Massachusetts Historical Commission approved the application. A general discussion ensued regarding creating a new local historic district for the Church and adjacent buildings on the site. A new inventory form for the other buildings needs to be prepared, this will entail visual observations of the exterior. A neighborhood survey (in English and Spanish) also needs to be performed, that is the next step. Olivia noted that a sample survey from OPED may be available.
4. 55 Fairfield Avenue: Some minor work activity was observed, but nothing significant.
5. Matteo introduced the new COA application format; the commissioners will review and comment on the new form in advance of the next meeting. Matteo asked about the lhdc@holyoke.org email address and who monitors emails sent to that address, Marco noted that he would inquire at OPED.
6. Other Business:
 - a) The Commission discussed and viewed the new website for Skelly Preservation Services, the new historic preservation business created by Chris Skelly, formerly with the Massachusetts Historical Commission
 - b) The LHDC had previously sought and received application review assistance from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) for specific issues. Marco will contact them to see if this arrangement is still in place as a resource for the LHDC.
7. Next Meeting: The Commission discussed setting a regular meeting schedule, the second Thursday of the month appeared to be a good date for the commissioners as a default date, meeting date adjustments can be made on a month-to-month basis.
8. Adjourn: Matteo made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stephen at 7:15 pm, and the motion carried.