



Mayor Joshua Garcia
City of Holyoke

Office of Planning and Economic Development
Historical Commission

Acting Chair – Christopher Gauthier

Vice Chair & Recording Secretary – Christopher Gauthier

Commissioners - Elana Aubrey, Lizabeth Rodriguez, Luis Salazar, Joseph Mazzola, Olivia Mausel

HOLYOKE HISTORICAL COMMISSION (HHC)

Meeting Minutes Monday, February 13, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

City Hall Annex Conference Room 403 -or-

Via Zoom - Meeting ID 878 1310 6384/Telephone (646) 558-8656

Attendance: Christopher Gauthier, Elana Aubrey (via zoom), Lizabeth Rodriguez, Olivia Mausel (via zoom), Joseph Mazzola

Municipal Staff: Jennifer Keitt, Aaron Vega

Attendees: Peter Palombella (via zoom), Trinity Kendrick (via zoom)

1) Call to order – 5:35 p.m.

Roll call followed:

Elana Aubrey - HERE

Olivia Mausel - HERE

Joseph Mazzola - HERE

Lizabeth Rodriguez - HERE

Luis Salazar - ABSENT

Chair - Chris Gauthier - HERE

Public Comment - none

2) 0:58 Review of Meeting Minutes for: July 11, 2022, August 29, 2022, November 14, 2022, December 12, 2022 and January 9, 2023.

2:34 Motion to approve 8/29/22, 11/14/22 and 12/12/22 minutes and table 7/11/22 and 1/9/23 minutes was made by Commissioner Aubrey and seconded by Commissioner Mausel.

Roll call followed:

Elana Aubrey - YES

Olivia Mausel - YES

Joseph Mazzola - YES

Lizabeth Rodriguez - YES

Luis Salazar - ABSENT

Chair - Chris Gauthier - YES

3) 4:36 Elections of: Chair, Vice-Chair and Recording Secretary.

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5:00 Motion to elect Christopher Gauthier as Chair was made by Commissioner Mazzola and seconded by Commissioner Aubrey.

Roll call followed:

Elana Aubrey - YES

Olivia Mausel - ABSTAIN

Joseph Mazzola - YES

Lizabeth Rodriguez - YES

Luis Salazar - ABSENT

Chair - Chris Gauthier - YES

6:00 Motion to elect Elana Aubrey as Vice Chair was made by Commissioner Mausel. No second.

6:54 Motion to elect Joseph Mazzola as Vice Chair was made by Commissioner Gauthier and seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez.

Roll call followed:

Elana Aubrey - ABSTAIN

Olivia Mausel - ABSTAIN

Joseph Mazzola - YES

Lizabeth Rodriguez - YES

Luis Salazar - ABSENT

Chair - Chris Gauthier - YES

7:45 Motion to elect Olivia Mausel as Recording Secretary was made by Commissioner Mazzola and seconded by Commissioner Aubrey.

Roll call followed:

Elana Aubrey - YES

Olivia Mausel - YES

Joseph Mazzola - YES

Lizabeth Rodriguez - YES

Luis Salazar - ABSENT

Chair - Chris Gauthier - YES

4) 8:30 Blue Sky Tower 111 – Wireless Telecommunications facility @ 939 Chicopee Street.

Chair observed balloon when raised. No additional comments. Chair will reach out to Chicopee Historical Commission to follow up.

5) 9:40 Preservation Restriction Agreement – Girls Inc., of the Valley.

Preservation Restriction Agreement has been proofread by Attorney Degnan (Assistant City Solicitor). Brief discussion regarding the restrictions being imposed and follow up post approval.

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15:18 Motion to approve preservation restriction agreement was made by Commissioner Aubrey and seconded by Commissioner Mazzola.

Roll call followed:

Elana Aubrey - YES

Olivia Mausel - ABSTAIN

Joseph Mazzola - YES

Lizabeth Rodriguez - YES

Luis Salazar - ABSENT

Chair - Chris Gauthier - YES

- 6) 16:08 Develop CHI – 302-322 High Street. Rescue Plan Art Funds, letter of interest.

Acknowledged receipt of correspondence. Will discuss at a future meeting.

- 7) 17:27 Trinity Kendrick, update on intern status and start date.

Chair confirmed agreement signed. W9 will be forwarded. HHC Google Drive will be shared with the intern instead of using an external drive. Chair will follow up with the intern to provide her the necessary information to begin working. Chair will forward all related work paperwork to the intern.

- 8) 18:32 HHC's involvement with the city's 150th and St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Commissioner Mausel gave an update on the status of the 150th celebration. Exploreholyokey.com has a page dedicated to the 150th. Aaron Vega states that it would be great to have Historical Commission input on time capsule and book. Members of prior historical commission(s) wore period costumes when marching in the parade. 150th Committee Members can walk with Historical Commission members should they choose to walk. Entire group may be walking by the float being designed by Dean for MIFA. Historical Commission can march as their own group or combine efforts. To be discussed at next month's meeting.

- 9) 23:48 Discussion of continued relationship with OPED and CLG Liaison

24:43 Motion to stay with OPED for staff support was made by Commissioner Mausel and seconded by Commissioner Mazzola.

Roll Call Followed:

Elana Aubrey - NO

Olivia Mausel - YES

Joseph Mazzola - YES

Lizabeth Rodriguez - YES

Luis Salazar - ABSENT

Chair - Chris Gauthier - YES

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29:19 Motion that Jennifer Keitt be Certified Local Government liaison for the Historical Commission was made by Commissioner Mazzola and seconded by Commissioner Gauthier.

Roll Call Followed:

Elana Aubrey - NO

Olivia Mausel - YES

Joseph Mazzola - YES

Lizabeth Rodriguez - YES

Luis Salazar - ABSENT

Chair - Chris Gauthier - YES

10) 30:07 Report from Commissioners attending other board and committee meetings.

Commissioner Aubrey attended the CPA meeting to review all the submissions. Next meeting will be in March. Commissioner wishes there was more advertising regarding CPA's availability to its citizenry.

11) 32:52 Announcements

Jean Jonker will be a new alternate, approved at the last city council meeting.

Commissioner Aubrey's term expires soon. She's not sure if she will continue.

12) 34:02 New Business

Jennifer Keitt explains that for the March 2023 meeting, we will try using the service that Conservation uses to draft the minutes.

13) 36:36 Old Business

Discussion regarding Preservation Restriction enforcement/follow up. Ask the Building Dept for clarification on notification/enforcement of Preservation Restrictions. Commissioner Mausel's update regarding the proposed Sacred Heart Historic District. Report has been sent to the Massachusetts Historic Commission. Awaiting expiration of 60 day regulation timeframe. Peter Palombella's update regarding the Ward 1 meeting concerning sidewalks in the Hadley Falls historic district. City Engineer suggested they might want to expand the scope of work into the back courtyard thereby allowing them to explore CDBG money. Applying for CPA money in the Fall may be a possibility. Commissioner Mausel will create binders for commissioners with pertinent historic commission information. Commissioner Aubrey will forward information regarding webinar/training on historic preservation at the state level being offered by Massachusetts Historic Commission at the end of February.

14) 51:20 Motion to Adjourn was made by Commissioner Gauthier and seconded by Commissioner Mazzola.

Roll Call Followed:

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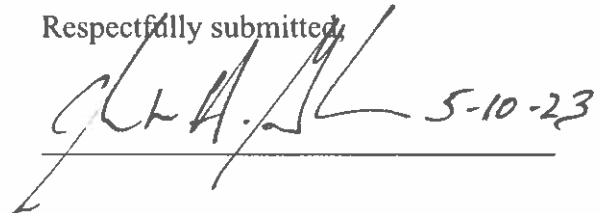
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Meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm

Respectfully submitted,

 5-10-23

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