



April 10, 2023- Historical Commission minutes

Called to order: 5:38 pm

No public comment

Present: Christopher Gauthier, Joseph Charles Mazzola, Jean Jonker, Olivia Mause

Absent: Liz Rodriguez, Luis Salazar

OPED: Marie Brazeau sitting in for Jennifer Keitt

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1. **348 Chestnut/52 Franklin St.**

Stephen Huntley, Alex Janson from Valley Opportunity Council are requesting a letter of support for Historic Tax Credits for this round. They are repointing and matching the old mortar with new, replacing the yellow brick, 2 units are almost completed and hope to have the first tenants back in by May 1st. (A former Nueva Esperance property)

Motion Jean J, 2nd Joseph M. to update and send letter of support of the next round.

Unanimous vote in favor.



2. **Jr. Smith/Prudential Building 276 High St.** Alex Chwiakala (sp?) is requesting a letter of support for Historic Tax Credit. The property will be restored in 3 stages, floor 1-2-3, floors 4-8 plus the elevator. They are planning a first-floor restaurant (small fine dining, evening venue and possible night club. Restaurant will have wall art and waiting area, bar in the middle, open floor plan and show kitchen. A VIP lounge area and a raised 'stage' in the back for dancing. Second and third floor will build for potential tenants in 'L' shape floor plan. Third floor will have a 'U' shaped floor plan.

4-5-6-7 floors will have one and two room apartment units. Floor 8 will have loft apartments. Elevator will be retrofit, must be ADA assessable. The building is structurally sound with possible mini splits for heat and a/c.

Motion to send letter of support to Mass Historical Commission.

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Jean J. 2nd: Joseph M. unanimous 'yes' vote.



276 High St. - HLY.195

3. Reissue support letters with updated date and new chair signature for Mass. Historic Tax Credits

Wright Block-106-120 High St. HLY.179 Bill Womeldorf is asking for updated letter of support, added CPA approval (\$250,000)

Motion to approve: Jean J. 2nd Olivia M. unanimous Yes vote

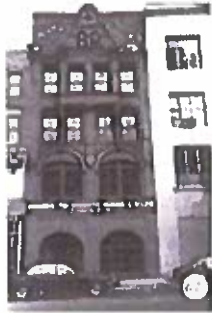


Wright Block - former Wernick furniture HLY.179

Russell-Osborn building 245 High St. HLY.93

Motion to update support letter and new signature Jean/2nd Joseph unanimous Yes vote

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4. Farr-Alpaca Mill project

Motion to update letter and new chair signature: Jean/2nd Olivia- unanimous Yes vote.



Farr Alpaca Mill project HLY.AH. (industrial complex)

B. Chris G. will draft and execute a letter to the City Council regarding the new members of the Historical Commission with a new Chair in place.

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5. August 8 minutes; Motion to approve Jean J. /2nd Joseph M. unanimous Yes vote.
6. March 13 minutes: Motion to approve Jean J./2nd Joseph M. unanimous Yes vote.
7. Chris G. will be the liaison for the CPAC. approved Jean J./2nd Joseph M.
8. Joseph M. agreed to attend Problem Properties Group (Property Preservation group). (they meet on Thursdays at 10 am) approved Jean J./2nd Olivia
9. Joseph will also be a representative on the Tourism Committee. Approved: Olivia/2nd Jean
10. Meeting with Kevin L.agimonier, Chair of the Building Department. Discussion covered preservation restrictions: who does what. Jennifer Keitt and Joseph M. will put a packet together for Kevin and continue discussions to clarify roles.
11. Dean Trade will be working of making 'Historic House Plaques' for the city residents. The commission must update the form and add Spanish. Costs of the plaques will be decided, and funds/proceeds go to the Dean Carpentry class.



12. MHC Historic Preservation Plan tabled until May meeting.
- D. Shannon Walsh will be putting together workshops for the commissioners.
- E. The commissioners were given binders for basic commission information and historical references. Add to them as needed.

Other:

1. Trinity Kendrick (intern from Roger Williams Univ) on Zoom is not making drastic changes in the commission files. If we refer to buildings and residences with street addresses and HLY. # information may be easier to find. She is looking into making a search bar for documents, etc.
(Start: Jan 1, 2023- End: June 23, 2023)
(RWU Gregory Laramie AIA, Assoc. Dean, Cummings School)

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2. Luis Salazar has missed 3 consecutive meetings. The OPED office will inquire about his status. Motion to reach out to Luis S. regarding his status on the commission. Jean J/ 2nd Joseph Approved
3. Blue Sky tower response- no further action needed.

No further business: adjourned 6:52

Respectfully submitted.

Olivia Mausel

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'OM' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.