



HOLYOKE HISTORICAL COMMISSION (HHC)

Meeting Minutes Monday, October 2, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

City Hall Annex Conference Room 403 -or-

Via Zoom - Meeting ID: 842 5578 1653 OR Call In: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Present: Chairman Christopher Gauthier, Joseph Mazzola, Jean Jonker, Olivia Mausel

Absent: Peter Palombella, Elizabeth Rodriguez

Municipal Staff: Jennifer Keitt OPED

Attendees: Sean Sheedy DPW

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Call to order 5:30

No public comment

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Motion to open item #3 to discussion: Approved

3. Architecture EI/Renovations Presentation -- City Council chambers: Marco Crescentini, Kevin Rothschild, and Sean Sheedy (DPW). The list of changes was discussed and reviewed throughout the process. The general overview is possible removal of the carpet, railing removal, lower desk and platform removal, plaster repair on cracked mural borders, replicate murals and other minor/major changes. Arch EI will notify the Historical Commission with questions, scope of work, MHC review as to what is desired and what is possible. The intent is to upgrade the space for a larger more open room, centralize the councilors to face the residents instead of their back to the audience. They plan to meet again with the commission at each step in the process.

5. City Hall Dedication Plaque Placement at Dwight St. entrance is still being discussed- perhaps on the building or on a bollard post (granite??) near the entrance. The discussion continues. 'Inset' the plaque in the granite is also discussed. MHC may need to review its placement.

CPA sign placement in the ball room is inappropriate. Proper placement needs to be discussed before the sign goes up. CPA needs to take proper placement in account. Sean will review the issue with Meagan at CPA.

Historic House plaque program is being discussed with Dean Campus -carpentry shop. The principal approved -now we must work out the details.

4. 115 Newton Street demo application-

Motion to accept the application Olivia M/Jean J. approved. 115 Newton is in active deterioration and a safety hazard to the neighborhood and people around. Newton St. homes were worker housing for Newton Paper Mill. The Alley is very interesting and unique. Received accepted and approved.

6. Motion to hold the Public Hearing for Sacred Heart Church Olivia M/Jean J -unanimous approval

Demo application of Sacred Heart/OLG 435 Maple St. includes both church and rectory are discussed. A demo packet is being sent to the 11 Elliot St. and their lawyer, Michael McDonough at Egan, Flanagan and Cohen. (Return receipt requested to the Diocese/and Attorneys)

Date Discussed for the public hearing: Oct. 25th due to the 45-business day limit mandated by the ordinance. Public notice must be sent 14 days prior to the hearing.

Location Discussed: Senior Center Pine St. 6-8 in the large dining hall. Holyoke Media will handle the recording.

(Demo packet includes a copy of the demo ordinance and the list of materials the owner has to produce, a project notification form and notice of public hearing.)

Discussed: Holyoke Media possibly record the meeting (Schedule with Scott MacPherson- scott@holyokemedia.org)

7,8 and 9 tabled until after the Nov. election (there will be new city councilors to orientate) motion approved Jean J/Joseph M. unanimous

10. CLG report- Certified local gov. report—in progress

11.PVPC – there is an inter-government exemption clause so legal needs to sign off on the scope of work. We don't have to go out to bid to work with Shannon at Pioneer Valley Planning. - good news. The agreement will come soon.

12. Jean J. made following announcements: Key to the City hunt is attracting attention. Gala and Silent Auction happening soon. Open Door this weekend -75 people signed up for the train station.

13. The Historical Commission agreed to submit a congratulatory letter to the commemorative book - Jean and Chris will collaborate on the letter. Motion Jean J./ Joseph M approved unanimous

14. 9/11 minutes approved Jean J/Joseph M. approved unanimous.

Tyler Cain residence in Holyoke approved. Historical commission needs an Architect.

CPA needs Chair signature on the Wright's block.

144 High St. issue- meeting with George and Kevin in Build Dept, property owner and city solicitor. They will meet, discuss, and move forward.

Luis Salazar appointment is up. Elizabeth R. has been absent 3 times. Zaisha and Tyler are waiting for City Council approval. 7 full commissioners needed. Zaisha and Tyler can start attending but not vote until approved.

No further business adjourned-6:53 - approved

Next meeting- Nov.13, 2023

Warm Regards,



Christopher Gauthier

Holyoke Historical Commission Chairperson