

Mayor Joshua Garcia

Office of Planning and Economic Development

City of Holyoke

Historical Commission

November 15, 2023

Holyoke City Council
City of Holyoke
Holyoke, MA 01040

Dear Councilors:

Attached please find copies of Meeting Minutes for the Holyoke Historical Commission (HHC) for September 11, 2023, for your review.

As always, please contact me if there are any questions.

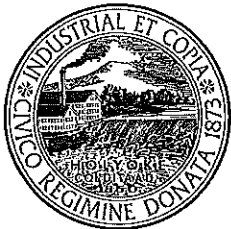
Sincerely,

Aaron M. Vega

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September 11, 2023

Holyoke Historical Commission

Present:

Chris Gauthier, Jean Jonker, Joseph Mazzola, Olivia Mause, Jennifer Keitt, (OPED)

Absent: Liz Rodriguez, Luis Salazar

Public: Peter Palombella, Lauren Niles

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1. Called to order 5:38
2. No public comment
3. August Minutes approved with addition of photos of Appleton St. bridge 014- the upper and lower span in included in the reconstruction.
4. Review of the Preservation Restrictions for the Wright Block- in process with Legal and the CPA – to be continued
5. Project Notification Forms from Mass Historical-- these forms should be added to all Historical Commissions packet of information especially to the Building Department and to Mass Development. We need to meet with Building Dept. as soon as possible.
6. YMCA Eligibility Determination- The Historical Commission has no comment since the space is not deemed historical in any way.
7. he Commission has access to the 'Municipality software' site now.
8. Pioneer Valley Planning: Jennifer is waiting to hear from Purchasing /legal.
9. Discussion of mhc-MACRIS.net and Maps.mhc-macris.net. These sites are very useful tools in our research. Holyoke abbreviation is HLY. It takes some time to navigate but should be used as often as possible. (Very Important source of information)
10. Annual CLG Report: Chris will work with Marco Crescentini (former LHD-Chair) and Jennifer to complete the report.
- 11/12. Announcements/Reports
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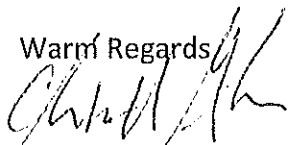
13. New / Old Business:

- d. Trinity Kendrick- (intern) was sent a thank you letter for her time with the commission.
- e. City Hall Dedication plaque is still in the works and its location is being discussed.
- f. Mayor Garcia has sent Zaisha Roberts letter of interest on to the City Council for approval and appointment to the Historical Commission. Legal is looking into the residency question for Tyler Cain.
- g. Lauren Niles from Local Historic District commission said that the Diocese has pulled a demolition permit for the Church.
- h. **Motion** to discuss a public hearing for demolition Olivia M./ Jean Jonker unanimous approval.
- i. The Archaeological Accountability Policy for Holyoke was presented to the commissioners to be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.

14. Next Meeting- October 2nd due to Columbus Day holiday

No further business- Adjourned 6:46 p.m.

Warm Regards



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Christopher Gauthier
Holyoke Historical Commission Chairperson

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