

**Oct 12, 2023 Historic District Commission Meeting Minutes**

Present: Lauren Niles, Stephen Fry, Olivia Mausel, Matteo Riondato, ~~REMOVED~~ Crescentini  
Absent: Beth Gosselin  
Also Katherine Hopkinson

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Call to order 5:34

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1. Sacred Heart/Our Lady of Guadalupe Demo Delay Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 25 at the Senior Center from 6-8. A large emotional crowd is expected due to the recent shooting and death of the mother and child on bus at the corner of Maple and Sargeant St.-several weeks ago. (Even though there is no relationship between these two events, the residents are disturbed due to the violence) There is a shrine on the corner now. Holyoke Media will do the recording. If a delay is approved, the diocese has 9 months to rescind their decision or work with the city by eminent domain or sale the property.

Motion by Olivia M./ Matteo r. to pass a 'sign up' sheet in the hearing to assess the public. The sentence will read:

'I support the creation of a Local Historic District for the Sacred Heart / Our Lady of Guadalupe city block.' (English and Spanish)

..... Unanimous approval

2. New LHD Sub-committee approved will seek out other possible local districts throughout the city. Christopher G. from Historical, Lauren N. from LHD and Olivia M. will start the screening process.

3. Minutes from September – on hold for next meeting (inadvertently left off today's agenda)

4. Elections of commission: With Beth's permission (absent due to sickness) Beth G. is approved as vice-chair Motion: Stephen F. /Matteo R. Secretary slot is still open.

5. Time Capsule discussion: Stephen F. will look for a list of suggested items from the 150th committee.

6. Fairfield Walking tour will take place on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 10 to 12. Stephen F. and Marco C. will take turns as tour guides. Matteo filled in information on the lower number homes from the tour.

7. Olivia M. suggested the commissioners make an educational video about 'Establishing the LHD' with the help of Holyoke Media after the November elections. The MHC publication on that subject can be used as a script. More information later.

8. 48 Fairfield back lot discussion: how was the sale done? What is the LHD's role in its development- if any? Mr. Kane already as Fairfield resident bought the property. How will it be zoned, assessed, there are many questions which the commission may have to address. George Shaw from building dept. is interested in the carriage house repair. Another complication is that the electrical service for the main house goes through the carriage house. To be continued.

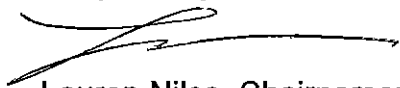
9. Alan Scheinman at 50 Fairfield (resident since 2006) says his civil liberties are threatened by the local district. He is seeking a tax abatement because the guidelines make his property less desirable.

10. Old business: Marco asked about the Annual CGL report. He sent his portion to Jennifer K. Is there an update?

11. Next agenda items: community input for the public hearing, sub-committee updates, minutes, walking tour, LHD-101 video

No further business: adjourned 6:29 (Motion Matteo R. /Marco C.)

Respectfully submitted,



Lauren Niles, Chairperson