

**HOLYOKE HISTORICAL COMMISSION (HHC)**

**Meeting Minutes Monday, November 20, 2023, 5:30 p.m.**

City Hall Annex Conference Room 403 -or-

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

**Absent:** Elizabeth Rodriguez

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**Municipal Staff:** Jennifer Keitt OPED

**Attendees:** Jaime Cornejo, Riobi (Producer)

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Rescheduled from Nov. 13 due to technical problems

**Holyoke City Clerk's  
Holyoke, MA**

4. Past October minutes reviewed and approved: Jean J./ Joseph M.

5. City Hall plaque has arrived and discussion as to it placement continues. (Perhaps an interior location might be the best) Decision has not yet been made.

Historic house plaque draft was discussed and to be finalized at the next meeting. Draft attached

6. By-laws approved (Olivia M./Jean J.)

7. Sacred Heart walk thru was discussed. Those present were Lauren Niles, Joseph Mazzola, Fr. Reilly, the Atty. McDonough and a diocesan representative. The interiors of both buildings were reviewed. Possible RFP with the church in discussion as reported by Lauren Niles from the LHD commission. The windows are secure and asbestos abatement was in progress at that time of the walk thru. Chris will ask about a 2nd visit with a structural engineer or construction supervisor.

There should not be talk about other options for the building with the atty (so not to complicate the situation). The commissions need to discuss who's the lead commission. Its unclear. Both commission chairs, city officials and the Mayor need to discuss the matter and agree on a strategy. To be continued.

8. CPA applicants- there is not paperwork from the CPA- not applications to review. Where are the applications? The list includes:

City Hall Dwight St. granite stairs repair

Wistariahurst retaining wall on Pine St.  
Front door pillars & façade of the Annex  
Stain Glass windows  
Plaque ?

9. 115-119 Cabot St Apartment block application discussed and reviewed.

Motion to approve (Olivia M./Jean J.) Unanimous approval.

Looking forward to its restoration. It's a huge project.

3. 141-147 High St. update from Bill Womeldorf. He will provide an updated and improved project notification form at the next meeting. Possible historic tax credits from the National Park application. He is requesting a letter of support from the Historical commission for the application.

2. Public Comment: Jaime Cornejo was introduced to the commission by Olivia Mausel. He is a videographer and is interested in making industrial documentaries of the city. He is asking for resources and leads to pursue. He and Rocia his producer will make a short film about 377 Appleton St. church with the help of Carlos Alicea ( pastor) for the commission to review. Bio and resume to follow. He is asking for the commissions input and support.

10. Pioneer Valley Planning monies: drafts need to be signed and documents are progressing.

11. No announcements

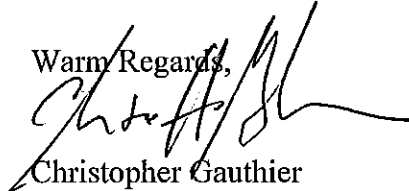
12. Other reports: 235 Chestnut St. is the new address of the Holyoke Preservation Trust. They have moved to the Holyoke Masonic building.

13. New/old business: The former 'Silvo Conte' building on Cabot St may be interested in a National Register application. Chris G. will follow up with the owner.

Next meeting: December 11, 2023

No further business: Adjourned 7:07 p.m. Jean J./ Joseph M.

Warm Regards,



Christopher Gauthier

Holyoke Historical Commission Chairperson