Historical Commission Minutes
March 14, 2016
6:30

Present: Joe Paul, Fran Welson, Jim Sheehan, Olivia Mausel, Paula Ferrario

Also : J. Candelario, Susan Van Pelt, Eileen McGinnis, Deborah Oppermann, Peter Palembello

CPA /Community Preservation Act was presented by Eileen McGinnis and Susan Van Pelt. The PowerPoint is included in the minutes. The Commission voted to endorse CPA and will send a letter stating such. Motion made and passed(F. Welson, P. Ferrario) unanimously. Letter attached to minutes.

J. Candelario, owner of 1109 Dwight St. property, presented his bed and breakfast application.
The commission voted to support the application for the B&B and write a letter of support to the City Council. Interior pictures were presented and the commission wished him good luck. Motion made and passed (F. Welson, P. Ferrario) Letter attached to minutes.

Feb. 22 Minutes approved (J. Sheehan, J. Paul)

Demo delay ordinance will be taken up at a separate meeting to be announced.

Deborah Oppermann was introduced at the new senior planner in the Planning and Development office. We look forward to working with her. Welcome!

No further business –meeting adjourned 7:35

Respectfully submitted
Olivia Mausel

MAYOR ALEX B. MORSE

CITY OF HOLYOKE

Holyoke Historical Commission
Fairfield Avenue Local Historic District

Date; March 14, 2016

To: Holyoke City Council

Re: 1109 Dwight St. Bed and Breakfast

On March 14, 2016, J Candelario presented his intent to turn his 1109 Dwight St. Property into a Bed and Breakfast establishment.

Since the former Finn property is on the City of Holyoke's historic inventory, the Planning Board suggested that the Historical Commission weight in on his development.

The 1883 Queen Anne Victorian is a single -family dwelling located in the Highlands. The Architect, George P.B. Alderman built this majestic home for Michael J. and Rose Finn in 1883. Finn had businesses in hardware, groceries, coal, wood and later brick. After Michael died, Rose lived there until 1915. Rose Finn Ryan, probably a daughter and William P. Ryan M.D. lived there until 1940. Judge John F. Moriarty and his family also lived there in the 1960s.

This area was known as Ewingville, after George C. Ewing, a prominent real estate owner and agent for the Hadley Falls Company. He bought a large tract of land for development and built his home there. His home is still there today.

1109 Dwight suffered a lighting strike in the early 2000's and lost its tower and had extensive water damage from the subsequent fire. The previous owner made some attempts to renovate the home but was overwhelmed and sold the property. Unfortunately, the tower was not restored to its original design or materials. However, with possible CPA funds, the tower and the porch can be restored in time. When funds become available, we look forward to consulting with him to return the home to its classic Queen Anne Victorian features. There are no exterior guidelines for this property since it is not in a historic district.

The Historical Commission wishes Mr. Candelario best of luck in his new endeavor and we look forward to visiting his new Bed and Breakfast.

Holyoke Historical Commission

Commissioners:
Paola Ferrario, *Olivia Mausel, James Sheehan, Alexandra Puffer, *Joe Paul, Frances Welson, Vacancy, Associates: Jean Jonker, Dan Fitzgerald.

Holyoke Historical Commission
April 11, 2016
City Hall Annex
6:30

Agenda

Minutes
Updates Infrastructure Day- May 14th information, flyers, signs, tee shirts, etc
Volunteers needed

Other

Historical Commission April 12, 2016
City Hall Annex – 4th Floor Conference Room
Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm

Present:
Commissioners: Co-chair Olivia Mausel, co-chair Joseph Paul, Paola Ferrario, Alexandra Puffer
Associate Commissioners: Jean Jonker
Public: Elizabeth Rairigh, Deborah Oppermann, Glenn Sulivan

March minutes reviewed and approved

Infrastructure Day Update

- Infrastructure Day will begin at 10am on Saturday, May 14
- The Commission is attending Boston Society of Civil Engineers ' event "The History of the Holyoke Water Supply System" on Monday, April 25
- A draft program and map was shown, Commissioner Ferrario is working on design
- Added food vendors to list
- Western New England University professor Moochul Shin has students that would like to be involved
- Commissioner Ferrario showed the designed flyer and t-shirt prototype

Delay Ordinance

- Commissioner Paul suggests enforcing section C4 iv of the demolition delay
- Associate Jonker suggested having a standard letter in response to demolition delay that includes enforcement of the ordinance
- Elizabeth Rairigh reviewed the Massachusetts Historical Commission suggested bylaw
- Elizabeth Rairigh suggests commissioners write up and present what an ideal delay ordinance would look like

Commissioner Paul suggested writing a letter to Mayor Morse about communication with his office in City Hall in response to not knowing about him presenting at "The Dynamic City: Futures for the Past" at Boston University

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by Commissioner Alexandra Puffer