

Chicopee Historical Commission Voting Record and Minutes

The Historical Commission of the City of Chicopee public hearing for **Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 4:00 PM**, in the Chambers Conference room, City Hall Annex and via Zoom.

Meeting was brought to order at 4:00 PM by Joshua Clark, Chair of the Historical Commission.

Historical Commission attendance:

| Member | Present | Absent | Excused |
|---------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| Joshua Clark, Chair | X | | |
| Linda Menard-Mruk Vice Chair | X | | |
| Raymond Hoess-Brooks | X | | |
| Dave Robison | X* | | |
| Louise Osetek | X | | |
| Timothy Wagner, Clerk | X | | |

Planning Staff attendance:

| Member | Present | Absent | Excused |
|---|---------|--------|---------|
| Lee Pouliot, Director | | | X |
| James Dawson, Development Manager | | X | |
| Nathan Moreau, Assoc. Planner | | | X |

***Note: Commissioner Dave Robison logged into the meeting after the vote on Item 1.**

ITEM 1: Support Letter – Polish Home - Matthew Roman attended the Commission's November 9, 2021 meeting and indicated it was his desire to apply for historic tax credits for proposed work at the Polish Home on Grove Street. Mr. Roman has requested a letter of support from the Commission for the following work on the building: Installation of a fire alarm system, installation of an elevator to allow for senior citizens and handicapped to access the second floor hall, roof repairs, repairs to exterior wall flashings, and repairs to the chimney.

Notes: Mr. Roman was not in attendance for the meeting therefore the Commission voted to table discussion and voting on a support letter to February 8, 2022

Motion to table the letter of support was made by Raymond Hoess-Brooks, and seconded by Louise Osetek. Vote was 5-0 to table the decision on the letter of support to February 8, 2022.

| Member | Approve | Deny | Table | Abstain |
|------------------------------|---------|------|-------|---------|
| Joshua Clark Chair | | | X | |
| Linda Menard-Mruk Vice Chair | | | X | |
| Raymond Hoess-Brooks | | | X | |
| Louise Osetek | | | X | |
| Timothy Wagner | | | X | |

ITEM 2: Discussion/New Business

Notes:

- Commissioner Clark received a request for another letter of support from the Commission for Silverbrick and the Cabotville redevelopment project. The Commission requested copies of the minutes from City Council meetings with regard to the extension of Silverbrick’s Special Permit. Staff to inquire with the City Council office staff to obtain copies of any available minutes. The Commission is seeking answers on the viability of the project. The letter of support request will be placed on the February 8, 2022 agenda.
- Commissioner Menard-Mruk inquired about getting the Historical Commission bylaws onto the City website. Staff will check with the IT Department to determine the best way to get this accomplished.
- Commissioner Hoess-Brooks inquired about having Jason from the Edward Bellamy House provide the Commission with an update on the status of the property. Commissioner Clark and Staff did not recall nor did past meeting minutes show an official invite to Jason to attend the January 11, 2022 Commission meeting. Commissioner Clark or Commissioner Hoess-Brooks to try to contact Jason to invite him to attend the February 8, 2022 Commission meeting.

ITEM 3: Minutes from December 14, 2021

Notes: Commissioner Osetek noted one correction to change “Planning Board” to “Historical Commisison” at the top of the minutes record.

Motion to approve the minutes with the noted correction was made by Linda Menard-Mruk and seconded by Dave Robison. Vote was 6-0 to approve with the noted correction.

| Member | Approve | Deny | Table | Abstain |
|---------------------------------|---------|------|-------|---------|
| Joshua Clark Chair | X | | | |
| Linda Menard-Mruk Vice Chair | X | | | |
| Raymond Hoess-Brooks | X | | | |
| Dave Robison | X | | | |
| Louise Osetek | X | | | |
| Timothy Wagner | X | | | |

Item 4: Adjournment - Next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2022

Motion to adjourn was made by Dave Robison and seconded by Louise Osetek. Vote was 6-0 to adjourn.

| Member | Approve | Deny | Table | Abstain |
|---------------------------------|---------|------|-------|---------|
| Joshua Clark Chair | X | | | |
| Linda Menard-Mruk Vice Chair | X | | | |
| Raymond Hoess-Brooks | X | | | |
| Dave Robison | X | | | |
| Louise Osetek | X | | | |
| Timothy Wagner | X | | | |

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM