

Chicopee Historical Commission Voting Record and Minutes

The Planning Board of the City of Chicopee public hearing for Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 4:00 PM, City Council Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013

Meeting was brought to order at 3:57 by Joshua Clark, Chair of the Historical Commission.

Historical Commission attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Excused
Joshua Clark, Chair	X		
Sandra Ross Vice Chair	X		
Linda Menard-Mruk Clerk	X		
Joseph Pasternak, Jr.	X		
Raymond Hoess-Brooks	X		

Planning Staff attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Excused
Lee Pouliot, Director			X
James Dawson, Development Manager	X		
Patrick McKenna, Asst.			X

ITEM 1: Presentation: Cabotville Mill Redevelopment

Barbara Myrick, property manager of The Silverbrick Group informed the Historical Commission that the Cabotville Mill property is eligible for placement on the National Registry of Historical Places. The application will be submitted upon completion of the project. Joshua Clark read a letter of support from the Historical Commission for the project. Construction is expected to commence in April once Massachusetts Historical Commission gives their approval. It was noted that electrical power for this project comes from Eversource, not from Chicopee Electric. Ms. Myrick stated that power to that building has always been from Eversource, and that Chicopee Electric could not supply the power to the building. Joseph Pasternak will willing to work with Ms. Myrick to investigate why that is the case.

Motion to approve and accept the letter was made by Joseph Pasternak and seconded by Raymond Hoess-Brooks. Vote was 5-0 to approve.

Member	Approve	Deny	Table	Abstain
Joshua Clark, Chair	X			
Sandra Ross Vice Chair	X			
Linda Menard-Mruk Clerk	X			
Joseph Pasternak, Jr.	X			
Raymond Hoess-Brooks	X			

ITEM 2: Review and Endorsement of Massachusetts Historical Commission Project Notification Form (PNF) for the City Hall Annex Elevator

A letter of endorsement for the new City Hall elevator, as part of the City Hall Renovation project, was signed and will be sent to the Massachusetts Historical Commission. The letter was read by Joshua Clark.

Motion to approve and sign the letter was made by Sandra Ross and seconded by Linda Menard-Mruk. Vote was 5-0 to approve.

Member	Approve	Deny	Table	Abstain
Joshua Clark, Chair	X			
Sandra Ross Vice Chair	X			
Linda Menard-Mruk Clerk	X			
Joseph Pasternak, Jr.	X			
Raymond Hoess-Brooks	X			

ITEM 3: Discussion Old/New Business

Raymond Hoess-Brooks asked for clarification on the Commission’s on-going project of oral history presentations. He suggested a presentation by the Springfield Diocese about the history of Holy Name Church. Joshua Clark will contact the Diocese concerning that presentation; Mr. Clark also suggested a presentation by the Chicopee Electric Light department.

Joshua Clark reported on his participation at the Municipal Vulnerability Workshop concerning historic districts. Currently three historic districts exist in the City of Chicopee, Springfield Street, Church Street and Perkins/Dwight Streets. Mr. Clark would like clarification by the City Law Department regarding the ordinances and rules governing the establishment of Historic District Commissions in the City. He would also like to pursue the formation of a Historical District Commission for each of the three historic districts in the City. Each Commission would have at least three members, but not exceeding seven. One member would be a resident of that historic district; two members would be appointed by the Historical Commission; two members would be appointed by the Mayor with City Council approval; one member would be a contractor and one member would be an architect. The Historical Commission was in agreement to have Joshua Clark pursue with the City Law Department.

ITEM 4: Minutes from February 12, 2019

Motion to accept the minutes of the February 21, 2019 meeting was made by Raymond Hoess-Brooks and seconded by Sandra Ross. Vote was 5-0 to approve.

Member	Approve	Deny	Table	Abstain
Joshua Clark, Chair	X			
Sandra Ross Vice Chair	X			
Linda Menard-Mruk Clerk	X			
Joseph Pasternak, Jr.	X			
Raymond Hoess-Brooks	X			

ITEM 4: Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Joseph Pasternak and seconded by Sandra Ross. Vote was 5-0 to adjourn.

Member	Approve	Deny	Table	Abstain
Joshua Clark Chair	X			
Sandra Ross Vice Chair	X			
Linda Menard-Mruk Clerk	X			
Joseph Pasternak, Jr.	X			
Raymond Hoess-Brooks	X			

Meeting adjourned at 4:37 PM.