

Worcester Historical Commission Meeting

September 29, 2005 – 4:15 PM

418 Main St. Worcester, MA 01608

MINUTES

Members Present: Dr. Michael Theerman, Chairman
Dr. Thomas Johnson, Vice-Chairman
Peter Schneider, Commissioner
Tom Constantine, Commissioner

Staff Present: Joel Fontane, Division of Planning and Regulatory Services
Edgar Luna, Division of Planning and Regulatory services

Guest: Deborah Packard, Executive Director of Preservation Worcester

Special Meeting: 4:15 PM

- 1- **Call to Order:** Dr. Michael Theerman called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM.
- 2- **Approval of the Minutes:** Upon a motion by Dr. Tom Johnson and seconded by Peter Schneider, the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the September 1, 2005 Worcester Historical Commission Meeting minutes.
- 3- **Local Historic District Sign Program design alternatives:** Edgar Luna presented four alternative fonts for the sign program. The fonts considered by the Commission ranged from modern Ariel to Classic styles. The Commission then considered the geographic location of the signs. Joel Fontane indicated that Joe Borbone has authorized manufacture and installation of eight signs for the initial program. Dr. Theerman suggested that more signs might be possible. Mr. Fontane reiterated that Mr. Borbone was committed to provide eight, but that the goal was to implement the sign program throughout the two Local Historic Districts, and indicated that additional signs would need the approval of DPW Commissioner Robert Moylan. Mr. Fontane encouraged the Commission to identify all of the locations for the proposed sign program by phase, initial (eight) and full implementation. Upon a motion by Tom Johnson and seconded by Peter Schneider, the Commission voted 4-0 to install three signs in the Massachusetts Avenue Local Historic District at the following intersections: (1) Massachusetts Ave. and Salisbury St., (2) Regent St. and Salisbury St., and (3) Park Ave. and Drury Lane. Upon a motion by Tom Johnson and seconded by Peter Schneider, the Commission voted 4-0 to install five signs in the Montvale Local Historic District at the following intersections: (1) Otsego Rd. and Monadnock Rd., (2) Waconah Rd. and Park Ave., (3) Salisbury St. and Montvale Rd., (4) Whitman Rd. and Salisbury St., (5) Salisbury St. and Monadnock Rd. The Commission then selected following additional locations for full implementation of the sign

program: Upon a motion by Peter Schneider and seconded by Tom Johnson, the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the following intersections within the Massachusetts Avenue Local Historic District: (1) Metcalf St. and Massachusetts Ave., (2) Drury Lane and Massachusetts Ave., (3) Drury Lane and Regent St. In the Montvale Historic District, the Commission voted to install future signs at the following intersections: (1) Monadnock Rd. and Sagamore Rd., (2) Waconah Rd. and Whitman Rd., (3) Waconah Rd. and Montvale Rd. Additionally, upon a motion by Peter Schneider and seconded by Tom Johnson, the Commission voted 4-0 to install two 24"x24" pentagon shaped signs at the following intersections: (1) Park Avenue and Salisbury St., and (2) Salisbury St. and Forrest St.

- 4- With regard the appropriate font for all non-street name historic district signs: upon a motion by Peter Schneider and seconded by Tom Johnson, the Board voted 4-0 to select the Classic Roman # 1 Font of the samples submitted. With regard to the appropriate wording of the signs, and the best location for the year established: upon a motion by Tom Johnson and seconded by Tom Constantine, the Commission voted 4-0 to use the following order of words for the Local Historic District signs:

“Massachusetts Avenue
Local Historical District” Est. 1975

“Montvale
Local Historic District” Est. 1993

Upon a motion by Peter Schneider and seconded by Tom Johnson, the Historical Commission voted 4-0 to approve to **encircle** the year established in both signs using a circle the size of that which is found on the initial sign mock-up.

- 5- **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.