



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

AGENDA

Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 6:40 p.m.
Third Floor Conference Room
Somerville City Hall

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 2011 Minutes

DELIBERATION OF HPC CASES

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission will hold public hearings on the following applications, all in accordance with the Historic Districts Act, Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and the City of Somerville Ordinance (Sections 7-16 – 7-28):

No owners requesting alterations to Local Historic Districts this month.

REVIEW AND COMMENT

No requests for Commission review and comment have been received as of June 10, 2011

DEMOLITION REVIEWS

9-MONTH REVIEW PERIOD

HPC 11.02 Demolition – 39-43 Elmwood Street, circa 1898 wood-frame house
Applicants: Charles Aggouras and Daniel DiPierro, GFC Development Inc

2/15/11

The house at 39 Elmwood was ‘preferably preserved’ because its history reflects the neighborhood from its earliest day as the home of the local baker and Italian grocer, to the home of French-Canadian immigrants whose names are inscribed on the Roll of Honor, and who lost their lives as



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soldiers in World War II. Architecturally, the house fits in well with the residential streetscape to the north and south.

A Working Group including members of the Preservation Commission, Staff for the HPC and Planning Division, and the developers have held three meetings to date (3/4/11, 3/11/1, 4/1/11) to develop site plans and save the house at 39 Elmwood Street. Developers now state that they plan to retain the house and develop around it.

DETERMINATION OF PREFERABLY PRESERVED

None this month.

DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

No requests for demolition or violations to the minimum maintenance ordinance that require a determination of significance have been received as of June 16, 2011.

STAFF REVIEW AND COMMENTS AS PER REQUEST OF OTHER DIVISIONS

HPC 11.46 – 168 Summer Street 5/24/11
Applicant: Planning Division

Proposed rear porch on NR building abutting the Chestnut Court and CASS LHDs will not be visible from the public right of way.

HPC 11.47 – 253 Washington Street, Casa B Restaurant 5/24/11
Applicant: Planning Division

The proposed alteration of a 1976 storefront would include a change of location of the door; removal of brick façade; and replacement with an all glass and metal system.

HPC 11.48 – 100 Fellsway West 5/25/11
Applicant: Planning Division

Relocation of garage entry to rear of building will not affect plans for the rehabilitation of the 'significant' furniture factory building at 356 Mystic Avenue.

HPC 11.49 – 29R Albion Street 5/24/11
Applicant: Planning Division

The proposed porch on a building that is less than 50 years old will be minimally visible from public right of way.

HPC 11.52 – 184 Summer Street 5/25/11
Applicant: Planning Division

A fence was installed to meet code for day-care centers. It is solid wood with no detailing. The style is not sympathetic the architecture of this NR building abutting CASS LHD. Staff proposed alternative

types that would be appropriate to the Gothic Revival house but since the fence was not in the original Special Permit, it was approved by the ZBA for a variance of 6" from the code requirements.

DEMOLITIONS AND CERTIFICATES OF NON-APPLICABILITY REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY STAFF

HPC 11.50 – 36 Bow Street 5/23/11
Applicant: Sandhya Goli, Tenant

1. Install business signage of 10 SF on posts of similar size, material, and style to the yard post found on 34 Bow Street per attached documentation from Gaffney Woodcarving.

HPC 11.53 Demolition – 63-67 Summer Street, 4-unit 1925 concrete block 1-story store, much altered. 6/2/11
Applicant: Mark Grassia, Owner

HPC 11.54 – 11 Westwood Road 6/15/11
Applicant: Luke Rogers

1. Repair wood windows and casings in-kind;
2. Replace glass in-kind as necessary; and
3. Replace storm windows.

PROJECT UPDATES AND OTHER BUSINESS

Project Updates

- **HPC Guideline Revisions** (Abby & Amie)
- **LHD Expansion Project** (Brandon Wilson)
- **2011 Surveying Projects** (Brandon Wilson and Kristi Chase)
 - Draft Preliminary Report on Union Square LHD under revision
 - St. Catherine's Church and associated properties
- **Milk Row Cemetery – Heritage Tree** (Brandon Wilson)
- **2011 Preservation Awards Program** (Brandon Wilson)
- **2011 Preservation Month Calendar of Events** (Brandon Wilson)
- **Historic Afghan Re-design and Re-ordering** (Brandon Wilson)
- **Spring and Future Preservation Newsletters** (Brandon Wilson)
- **Middlesex Canal Commission Annual Meeting** (Dick Bauer)

Other Business

- **Request for De-designation** **6/13/11**
 - 1 Arlington Street, Charles Williams, Jr. House, *ca.* 1858
- **LHDs recently listed for sale or sold**
- **New SHS Intern - Summer**

Upcoming Meeting Schedule for 2011: July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18, November 15, and December 20.

All of the applications summarized above are available for public inspection at the Commission's Office on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on Mon. -Wed. 9:00 am - 4:30 pm; Thurs. 9:00 am-7:30 pm; and Fri. 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Since cases may be continued to a later date(s), please check the agenda on the City's website, or call before attending (tel.: (617) 625-6600 x. 2525). Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Historic Preservation Commission at the hearing, by fax to 617-625-0722, by e-mail to kchase@somervillema.gov, or by mail to the Historic Preservation Commission, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143.