



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
**JOSEPH A. CURTATONE**  
**MAYOR**

*HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION*

**AGENDA**

Tuesday, July 19, 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):

**HPC 11.59 – 27 Chester Street, - Clifton Bacon House**

6/20/11

Owners: Francis X & Susan F Colannino

1. Install 2 iron gates on Chester and Orchard Streets using salvaged posts and pickets, new spear pickets with 'acorn' finials, and pineapple tops for the posts from King Architectural metals per sketch and photos submitted.

**REVIEW AND COMMENT**

*None as of July 8, 2011.*



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**DEMOLITION REVIEWS**

**9-MONTH REVIEW PERIOD**

**HPC 11.02 Demolition – 39-43 Elmwood Street, circa 1898 wood-frame house** 2/15/11  
Applicants: Charles Aggouras and Daniel DiPierro, GFC Development Inc

*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 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.*

*Plans brought before the neighborhood for review and comment were rejected due to the lack of parking and the re-use of the garage walls. The Applicants are now re-thinking the scope of their project and how to meet the parking requirements.*

**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 July 8, 2011.*

**STAFF REVIEW AND COMMENTS AS PER REQUEST OF OTHER DIVISIONS**

**HPC 11.63 – 253 Washington Street, Casa B Restaurant** 6/30/11  
Applicant: Storefront Improvement Program

*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. No adverse effect was found.*

**HPC 11.64 – 561 Windsor Street, Taza Chocolate et al.** 6/30/11  
Applicant: Storefront Improvement Program

*The proposed alterations include new awnings and signage. No adverse effect was found.*

**HPC 11.65 – 130 Broadway, Broadway Chevrolet** 6/30/11  
Applicant: Storefront Improvement Program

*The proposed alterations include removal of the plywood exterior and a return to the 1920s storefront, details to be dependant on what is found beneath the façade. No adverse effect was found.*

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

**HPC 11.60 – 2 Westwood Road** 6/23/11  
Applicant: Rita Edmunds

1. Repair porch railing.

**HPC 11.61 – 46 Mount Vernon Street** 6/27/11  
Owner: Andrew Upton, Owner

*Letter regarding LHD Status and requesting that new meters be placed on the interior of the building.*

**HPC 11.68 – 8 Mount Vernon Street** 7/6/11  
Owner: Barbara and Fermin Castro, Owners

1. Remove paint from exterior wood trim;
2. Repair damaged and rotted wood;
3. Replace in-kind to match existing trim as needed; and
4. Repaint.

**PROJECT UPDATES AND OTHER BUSINESS**

**Project Updates**

- **Reports and Public Outreach Efforts In Progress** (Brandon Wilson)
  - 2010-2011 Certified Local Government (CLG) Report for MHC
  - Preliminary Report to MHC for Proposed Union Square Local Historic District
  - SHPC Website Enhancements – Relocation to City’s Home Page & Additions
  - Spring and Future Preservation Newsletters – on hold pending funding for postage
  - Historic Afghan Re-design and Re-ordering- Awaiting artwork from fabricator
- **LHD Expansion Project** (Brandon Wilson)
  - Final Package of Materials for Group E submitted to the BOA for their July mtg.
- **2011 Surveying Projects** (Brandon Wilson and Kristi Chase)
- **Milk Row Cemetery – Heritage Tree Preservation** (Brandon Wilson)
  - On hold until new fiscal year starts
- **2011 Preservation Awards Program** (Brandon Wilson)
  - Amie installed exhibit at City Hall – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor – stop to see it!
  - Article-Interview with Turcottes at 74 Mt. Vernon St. in SJ 6-30-11
  - 6<sup>th</sup> and last article to appear re 14-16 Aldersey St. soon

**2011 ArtsUnion Grant Work** (Brandon Wilson)

- Fall 2011 Union Square Walking Tour scheduled for Sun. Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>; raindate of Sun. Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>

**Other Business**

- **CLG Report** - Open Meeting Law Compliance Statement to be signed by Chairman
- **Introduction of New SHS Intern this summer – SHS Senior Maggie Langwig**

**Upcoming Meeting Schedule for 2011:** 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](mailto:kchase@somervillema.gov), or by mail to the Historic Preservation Commission, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143.