

Fruit Street Local Historic District Commission
Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2008
City Hall

Meeting of the Fruit Street Local Historic District Commission was called to order at 7:06 PM.

Roll Call

Present: Maurice Southworth, Tom Bower, Stephen Feige, Kevin Wallace

Absent: Bonnie Sontag

General Business

a) Approval of Minutes

Maurice Southworth made a motion to approve meeting minutes for October 9, 2008.

Tom Bower seconded the motion.

Minutes approved by Maurice Southworth, Tom Bower, Stephen Feige. Kevin Wallace abstained.

Stephen Feige made a motion to approve meeting minutes for September 11, 2008.

Kevin Wallace seconded the motion.

Minutes approved by Stephen Feige, Tom Bower, Kevin Wallace. Maurice Southworth abstained.

Correspondence

None

Old Business

Chairman Southworth has been in contact with City Council and attended recent sub-committee meeting to change HDC ordinance relative to the discretionary publishing of notice for public hearings. City Councilor Greg Earls indicated to Chairman Southworth that it may be difficult to change the ordinance. The matter has been referred to the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) for a determination.

There was also a request for an ordinance change for the notification to abutters from 300' to 100' relative to public hearings. The opinion of the sub-committee was that this request would be more easily passed by the City Council. It was suggested that the Commission may want to withdraw both requests until a determination is made by MHC on the publication issue. In the meantime, Chairman Southworth will poll other Historic District Commissions to see how they handle the notification of public hearings.

Alternate Members were briefly discussed. Tom Bower did not feel as though there was a need for alternate members. Stephen Feige suggested we revisit the issue if attendance becomes problematic.

New Business

None

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Kevin M. Wallace - Note Taker.