

MELROSE HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 8th, 2022 @ 7PM

Pursuant to An Act Relative to Extending Certain State Emergency Accommodations signed into law by Governor Baker on July, 16th, 2022, this meeting of the Melrose Historical Commission was conducted via remote participation

CALL TO ORDER

This regular meeting of the Melrose Historical Commission was called to order by newly-appointed Chair Kate Monea at 7:03pm. Members present in addition to Chair Monea were Kimberly Marolda, Tom Champoux, George Bibilos, and Joe Hunt. Members of the public present were Kori Mendonsa, Erin Kirby, Carol Rosseland, Amy Swan, and Anthony P.

ORDERS OF BUSINESS

The first order of business was to conduct individual introductions by all present Commission members, as there were new faces to the group having just recently joined. These brief introductions were followed by a review of the previous meeting's minutes from June 27th, 2022, which were unanimously approved by the Commission.

The floor was then opened for public comment by any present members of the public, which was met with no comment from any non-Commission attendees.

The formal election of officers was the next order of business, and brief descriptions were provided of available officer positions, Secretary and Vice Chair, by Chair Monea. Kim Marolda was nominated by Chair Monea for position of Secretary, which was unanimously approved by fellow Commission members. Tom Champoux was then self-nominated for the position of Vice Chair, and was subsequently formally nominated by Chair Monea. Champoux was unanimously approved for the position by fellow Commission members. It was then noted by Chair Monea that one remaining seat was still presently available on the Commission, with a comment that Mayor Paul Brodeur was actively seeking candidates to join his current pool of potential nominations.

DISCUSSION

- I. *Victorian Fair:* It was decided not to participate in the 2022 Victorian Fair due to a lack of preparation time, which was deemed especially prudent as the current Commission is almost fully comprised of new members and a newly appointed Chair.
- II. *28 Greenwood St.:* Erin Kirby, a member of the public, joined to discuss the proposed construction project and provided a first-person account of how the area is currently impacted by flooding. Her account included the perspective that construction would remove the current natural barrier of trees, which could increase the flood zone during

inclement weather. Kirby also stated that the blasting is proposed to last 30-40 days, and further opined that she believes the blasting would be disruptive and potentially dangerous to other inhabitants in the area.

Chair Monea shared slides of artist renderings of the completed project, which was countered by Kirby with alternate slides of the project. These alternate slides appeared to be significantly more elaborate than the initial artist rendering and would require more demolition of the area than initially thought

- III. *Historic Home Signage Program:* Commission members Joe Hunt and George Bibilos volunteered to research historical and city archives, town comparisons, and the internet in order to serve the continuation of the Program under the Commission. This Program had previously been covered by other parties of Melrose City government.
- IV. *Website:* Chair Monea introduced the need for an improved and current Commission website. She noted that a WordPress site has already been set-up dedicated to the Commission, and newly-appointed Vice Chair Champoux volunteered to further develop the site with the potential to link it to City of Melrose website.

NEXT MEETING

Chair Monea reminded the Commission of the next scheduled meeting date of September 12th, 2022, at 7pm. This meeting will also be held virtually with a Zoom link to be sent out prior to the date; this message will also include the agenda for the upcoming September 12th meeting as well as the minutes for the August 8th meeting for review.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Monea at 7:40pm.