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“Preserve the Past for the Future”

MINUTES TO THE MEETING

5-11-2021

Due to the COVID-19 Outbreak and the policy changes made by Governor Baker and Mayor Rivera, this meeting of the Lawrence Historical Commission was done remotely.

Upon a Roll Call the following members were present:

Members Present:

Jonas Stundza
David Meehan
Kate Hernandez
Lunara Devers

Also Present:

Daniel McCarthy, Land Use Planner
Jorge O. Martinez, Minute Taker

Upon a motion made by Mr. Meehan and seconded by Ms. Hernandez, the commission unanimously decided to open the public meeting.

BOARD BUSINESS

The commissioners drafted a letter directed to the Essex Art Center.

The letter is as follows:

As partners in promoting and preserving the arts, culture and appreciation of our unique industrial landscape the Lawrence Historical Commission looks forward to working in concert with the Essex Art Center involving projects designed to promote such ideas.

The Essex Art Center’s building is anchored in the “Canal Historic district”. This area, listed in the National Register of Historic Places, extends from the Great Stone Dam to the west follows the North Canal with its mill buildings and ends on the Spicket River to the East.

Great strides have been made to preserve the architectural integrity of this “Industrial Island” throughout the cooperation of private and public landowners and tenants working with the Lawrence Historic Commission.

Historic restorations and repurposing of these valued structures has been achieved as witnessed in “The Duck Mill at Union Crossing”, The “Washington” and “Pacific Mill” apartment complexes, The Kunhardt Mill (known as Bell Tower Square) and the “Gate Keepers House” on Broadway. All of these model restorations have been sensitive to the materials, surfaces, appearances and architectural components of these historic structures resulting in preserving the 19th and 20th century integrity of our industrial island.

All cities and Towns in Massachusetts are obliged to work with their local and state mandated historic commissions when any physical changes are made within the boundaries of a historic district. Communication is the best venue in achieving success in any venture. The Lawrence Historical Commission is eager to receive any notification and/or plans involving any types of proposed alterations, additions, etc. which might alter the appearance wither permanently, or temporarily to your building and the immediate area.

We thank you for all your hard work in fostering and promoting the arts in our community for the last 25 years and look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,
The Lawrence Historical Commission

With a unanimous motion, the members of the historic commission decided to issue the letter as proposed.

With a unanimous motion, the members of the commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.