



## Historical Commission

Fitchburg City Hall – 166 Boulder Drive, Suite 108 - Fitchburg, MA 01420

### Minutes

Thursday March 29, 2018

Meeting at Fitchburg Wallace Library, 610 Main Street, Old Law Library

Members of FHC present: Sam Blair, Keith Chenot, Ellen DiGeronimo, Don Ostrowski, Sue Roetzer, Charles Sternaimolo

1. Discussion of Public Meeting regarding the “*Economic Development Strategic Plan*” project held on Thursday, February 22. Commission noted the importance of historic preservation for economic revitalization of the city.
2. Update on Historical Districts in Fitchburg: Moran Square listed on the National Register of Historic Places as of February 2018. The old YMCA has mold due to swimming pool in basement. Conversion to restaurant and opioid rehab place?
3. FHC plans for History month in May: Ellen talked with Peter Aucila.
4. Update on City Hall: \$1 million from stabilization fund dedicated. Need to preserve the tin ceiling was expressed. The question was raised whether the feasibility study replaces the conceptual design.
5. FHC website: Martha Quirk, who is no longer a member of the FHC, should be taken off the website. Keith and Charles talked with Mike O’Hara about the link on the website to Historic Markers. Time of meetings should be changed to 3:00 pm instead of 6:00 pm.

New and Ongoing Action Items:

- Contact A. J. Tourigny about FHC letterhead
- Updated estimates of Monument Park railings
  - Contact Lenny Lasko and/or FHC send out an RFP to businesses
- Have Nick Carpasso take a look at Monument Square
- Contact Mark Bodanza, president of Leominster Historic Commission, about demolition delay ordinance
- Approach city for budget for FHC