

Sykesville Historic District Commission Minutes

April 26, 2023

The Sykesville Historic District Commission (SHDC) meeting was held on April 26, 2023 in the Conference Room at the Sykesville Town House. Commissioner Bederka called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Commissioners Chad Bederka, Michael Johnston, Eric Mannas, and Richard McCullough. Council Member Anna Carter

ABSENT: Commissioner Michael Marsden

STAFF: Kerry Kavaloski, Town Clerk

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS:

- # 2023-04 for a porch ceiling renovation at 7319 Springfield Avenue
The applicant was in attendance for this discussion. She explained that years prior, the rear porch was redone, and the intention is to replace the front porch in a historically accurate fashion. There were no comments from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Johnston motioned to approve application #2023-04 for a porch ceiling renovation at 7319 Springfield Avenue with the use of wood and no high-sheen paint. The application is in compliance with the SHDC Guidelines on page 28. Commissioner Mannas seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

- #2023-05 for a sidewalk seating area at 7540 Main Street
The applicant was in attendance for this discussion. He explained that there will be three two-top tables placed on the sidewalk with a rope or chain delineating the seating area, as required by the County Liquor Board. There will be at least three and a half feet of clearance at all times for the rest of the sidewalk. There was a discussion about the chain delineation. Currently, there is a plastic chain being used. The Commissioner determined plastic would not be an acceptable material for any portion of the outdoor seating area, such as in a trellis in the flower planters. The applicant can use rope or metal for the border.

Commissioner Mannas motioned to approve application #2023-05 for a sidewalk seating area at 7540 Main Street with the condition that the plastic chain be replaced with metal or a rope, and no plastic is used in the border. This application is in compliance with the Guidelines for Street Furniture. Commissioner Johnston seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

- #2023-06 for a sidewalk seating area at 7556 Main Street
The applicant was in attendance for this discussion. He explained that there will be five total tables in front of his store, but he does not plan on serving alcohol outside, so he

does not need a rope or chain delineating the seating area. The tables are a metal base with a wood looking top, and the chairs are metal. All are designed to be outdoor furniture and will be able to hold up to the weather. There will be adequate clearance for the remaining sidewalk.

Commissioner Johnston motioned to approve application #2023-06 for a sidewalk seating area at 7556 Main Street as presented. This application is in compliance with the Guidelines for Street Furniture. Commissioner McCullough seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

COMMENTS/REPORTS

- Kerry Kavaloski, Town Clerk, announced that St. Joe's Catholic Church removed a tree due to it being standing dead and having safety concerns. The Town did receive the arborist report agreeing to the removal of the tree.
- Commissioner Bederka asked to consult with Brennan and Company Architects regarding the Christmas lights/LED lights in windows along Main Street. Ms. Kavaloski will ask them if there are similar guidelines from other jurisdictions or any guidance they can provide on the issue.
- Commissioner Bederka asked if there was any update regarding the historic buildings in the Warfield Complex and if the Town or the SHDC could send demolition by neglect letters. Council President Carter noted that there are things in process at Warfield, and staff will have to consult with legal counsel before sending any letters. The Commission will be given an update from staff.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner McCullough and seconded by Commissioner Johnston to adjourn at 7:32 P.M. The Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kerry Kavaloski, Recording Secretary