

Sykesville Historic District Commission Minutes

July 26, 2023

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

PRESENT: Commissioners Chad Bederka, Brian Ball, Michael Johnston, Michael Marsden, and Richard McCullough.

ABSENT: Commissioner Eric Mannas

STAFF: Kerry Kavaloski, Town Clerk
Kevin Rubenstein, Town Planner

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS:

- # 2023-11 for a liquor board compliant barrier for outdoor seating at 7556 Main Street
The applicant was not in attendance. The SHDC noted that the sidewalk clearance was satisfactory, but they would like to see the stanchions prior to their use.

Commissioner Johnston motioned to approve application #2023-11 for a liquor board compliant barrier for an outdoor seating area at 7556 Main Street, contingent on SHDC review of the stanchions to be used. Commissioner Marsden seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

- Discussion of the Draft Guidelines
Commissioners had submitted revisions to the draft guidelines, and they were incorporated into a single document. The architects from Brennan and Co. were in attendance to discuss and answer questions from the SHDC. Each comment was discussed in depth. The consultant architects will incorporate changes to the draft guidelines and will return with an updated document.

A photo reference list was requested from the SHDC for every building within the Historic District. Staff will work on creating this list, as well as ensuring the contributing and non-contributing designations are correct on the map.

A flow chart for how to apply and what needs approval will be added to the guidelines.

There was a discussion about tax credits and how they are implemented at different levels. The SHDC requested to meet with Town staff before the next budget cycle to discuss funding local tax credits for projects in the Historic District.

There was a lengthy discussion about replacement materials and what is acceptable for both contributing and non-contributing buildings within the Historic District. Each

application is heard on a case-by-case basis, but the use of replacement materials may affect the historic nature of the structures and their ability to apply for grant funding.

COMMENTS/REPORTS:

- Town Clerk Kerry Kavaloski announced that a tree at the corner of Walnut Avenue and Springfield Avenue will be taken down as it is breaking and at danger of falling on the powerlines.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Ball and seconded by Commissioner Marsden to adjourn at 8:43 P.M. The Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kerry Kavaloski, Recording Secretary