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SUMMARY OF AUGUST 27, 2025, REGULAR HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING (NO QUORUM)

The Sykesville Historic District Commission (SHDC) meeting was held on Wednesday, July 23, 2025. Commissioner Bederka called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Town House Conference Room. There was not a quorum of Commissioners present.

PRESENT: Commissioners Chad Bederka and Matthew Clever

ABSENT: Commissioner Brian Ball, Michael Johnston, Eric Manas, Michael Marsden, and Richard McCullough. Council Member Elizabeth Guroff

STAFF: Kevin Rubenstein, Town Planner

REGULAR AGENDA:

I. Minutes from July 23, 2025

As there was not a quorum, this item will be on the September SHDC agenda for approval.

II. Consider/Discuss/Act on #2025-13 for a Hanging Sign and Painted Mural for the Moonshadow Collective at 7611 Main Street

Kevin Rubenstein, Town Planner, explained that due to the lack of quorum, this item is being presented but cannot be voted on. It will be brought back before the SHDC for approval at their September meeting.

Mr. Rubenstein explained that the requested hanging sign is 29" by 18" and will have a clearance of 6.92 feet above the ground. It does meet the requirements for the setback from the curb and the projection from the building. The applicant explained that the sign will be carved and painted. There was a discussion about the location of the sign and consideration of allowing a sign in the cornice area on the roof. The SHDC Commissioners present noted that they did not have any issues with the hanging sign as presented but recommended the applicant look into a more visible sign or placement.

Mr. Rubenstein explained that the applicant is also requesting to paint a mural on the side of the building that is nature-themed and will contain words along with an arrow indicating the location of the new business. Commissioner Bederka asked if the mural would be considered an applied sign or not. He is unsure if the mural would be in keeping with the historic nature of the historic district. He would be okay with the arrow and the

business name, but he is unsure about the inclusion of the mural. Mr. Rubenstein explained that as a mural, it would not be under the purview of the SHDC.

The SHDC asked to have a discussion in the future about the inclusion of art projects and murals in the guidelines along with the colors of buildings and overall aesthetics.

This application will be brought before the SHDC for approval at their September 24 meeting.

ADJOURN: The meeting ended at 7:28 P.M.

**Respectfully submitted
Town Clerk Kerry Kavaloski**