

Sykesville Historic District Commission Minutes

April 25, 2017

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The Sykesville Historic District Commission (SHDC) meeting was held on April 25, 2017 in the Conference Room at the Sykesville Town House. Commissioner Fogg called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Commissioners Norman Fogg, and Michael Johnston. Council Member Stacy Link

ABSENT: Commissioner Melissa Clark

STAFF: Dawn Ashbacher, Town Manager
Kerry Chaney, Town Clerk

SHDC MINUTES: March 16, 2017– all motioned to accept the minutes as written.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS:

- # 17-07 Minor alterations to façade and ADA lift on rear
Fred Gossage was in attendance. He is applying to add an accessible lift to the rear of 7540 Main Street and to redo the front stairs so they meet the county code. Originally the county suggested the lift on the front of the building, but it has been proposed for the rear to maintain the front façade. The rear staircase will be reconfigured to provide room for the lift. The lift will only be to the first floor, 65 inches high.

The stairs at the front of the building will be replaced with the same kind of wood. They will have a standard seven inch rise and will be 11 inches wide. The landing at the top of the stairs will be three feet wide and the front door will be rehung so it swings out. It will be the same door as before.

A motion was made by Council Member Link and seconded by Commissioner Johnston to approve the application for 7540 Main Street per the guidelines page 28 with the materials to be replaced in kind and the lift placed on the rear of the building to maintain the front façade. All voted in favor.

- Review of approved changes to the *Warfield Commercial Center: Design Guidelines and Standards for Signs and Energy Efficiency*
Kerry Chaney, Town Clerk, went over the changes that were made to the *Warfield Commercial Center: Design Guidelines and Standards for Signs and Energy Efficiency*. These included changes approved by the SHDC and minor editing changes suggested by Dawn Ashbacher, Town Manager, and Richard Wager, David H. Gleason Associates. Ms. Chaney will compile all changes into the guidelines and will bring them back to the SHDC.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Gate House Museum – Council Member Link reported that the Gate House is working towards reopening and will not be open on April 30 for the Spring Break in Cooper Park event.

BUSINESS:

- Observation of violations within the Historic District: None
- The Business Use of Sidewalks Permits will be discussed at either the May or June SHDC meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Motion was made by Council Member Link and seconded by Commissioner Johnston to adjourn at 7:50 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kerry Chaney, Recording Secretary