

Sykesville Historic District Commission Minutes

January 27, 2015

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COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT:

George Carter, Chairperson
Norman Fogg
Stacy Link, Council Member
Matthew Olsen
Lloyd Perrault

ABSENT:

Joe Moltz, Vice Chairperson

Chairperson Carter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Sykesville Town House. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Dawn Ashbacher, Town Manager was also in attendance.

SHDC MINUTES:

- December 9, 2014
Motion was made by Council Member Link and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve the minutes as written. All voted in favor.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS:

- #14-31 Alley off Main Street Lighting

The applicant was present to discuss the lighting in the alley off Main Street. The Town of Sykesville received a grant to install lights in this alley which is between 7546 and 7548 Main Street. The Commission reviewed the information provided and the guidelines on pages 52-57. A motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Greenwald to approve the application as written. All voted in favor.

- Howard Colson from 7509 Norwood Avenue came to the meeting to ask about window replacement on his house. He indicated he currently has vinyl windows and would like to replace them with vinyl. His house is a C building which is a contributing building to the historic district. Per the guidelines, he would need to replace the windows with an appropriately designed window based on documentary or photographic evidence. If no such evidence exists, the design of the replacement should be compatible with the character of the façade in which it is located. Additional research will be done to assist Mr. Colson.

- Jim Mills and Jonathan Herman were present to discuss the use of the underground building at Warfield. They indicated they have someone who is interested in leasing the property for an Agri business. This building will need to have a lot of work done in order to be occupied. He indicated that the doors will remain and interior glass doors will be installed to keep with the historic character. Also the vents on the building will be capped off, the fence will be repaired, and they will add ADA parking. They indicated they will formally submit an application at a future meeting but wanted to present the information to the Commission now.

REVIEW OF TAX CREDIT APPLICATIONS:

Nothing to report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Gate House Museum – Applying for a grant to enhance the visitor experience at the museum. The grant is a 50/50 match and the Town's portion will come from a large grant that was received this year. Andra Dennett, Curator of the museum is looking into a joint fundraiser with Sykesville Community Garden and host a 5K run.
- Schoolhouse – Pat Greenwald announced that the book signing event that took place at the Schoolhouse was a huge success and she is in the process of hosting another book signing in March. Ms. Greenwald also announced that Mae Dorsey, who was always involved with the Schoolhouse has passed away.

BUSINESS:

- Discussion took place about the upcoming meeting with the Planning Commission. At this meeting, both the HDC and the Planning Commission will review the plans for the new building on Main Street across from the Carriage House.
- Discussion took place about inviting Richard Wagner to a future meeting to review the Warfield guidelines. It was suggested either March or April.
- Jonathan Herman extended an invitation to tour the Spring House off of Springfield Ave. and set up another tour at Warfield. It was requested to have the tour when the weather is warmer either April or May.
- Violations – Discussion took place about the neon signs in the historic district. It was noted that The French Twist, Art & Pottery, True Colors, Headmasters and the Tavern Market have neon open signs in their front windows. Chairperson Carter indicated he will talk to all the merchants and request they remove their signs.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, **Motion** was made by Council Member Link and seconded by Commissioner Perrault to adjourn at 8:50 pm. The **Motion** carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Perrault, Recording Secretary