

Sykesville Historic District Commission Minutes

March 2, 2015

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COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT:

George Carter, Chairperson
Norman Fogg
Stacy Link, Council Member
Matthew Olsen
Lloyd Perrault
Patricia Greenwald
Joe Moltz, Vice Chairperson

Commissioner Enslow, Planning Commission, 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 and the Planning Commission were in attendance.

SHDC MINUTES:

- January 27, 2014
Motion was made by Council Member Link and seconded by Commissioner Perrault to approve the minutes as written. All voted in favor.

BUSINESS:

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS:

- #15-01 7526 Main Street – Carriage House II New Construction

The applicant, Paul Mueller was present to discuss the new construction at 7526 Main Street. The Commission was provided plans and an architectural rendition of what the building would look like once completed. Mr. Mueller also provided the pictures indicating the new construction would respect the location, design, materials and other character defining elements of the contributing buildings on Main Street. Mr. Mueller included a narrative of Public Spaces and Landscape Features. As part of the discussion, it was noted the windows will be an aluminum clad window and the exterior of the building will be hardy board siding and brick. Mr. Mueller expressed that attached to this property he owns another plat and he would like to take down a total of 3 trees on both properties and remove the shed. He mentioned that he came before the Commission before to get approval to remove the rear extension to Jazzbos and he would like an extension of time for this work. A motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Moltz to approve application #15-01 as submitted and in accordance with the Historic District Guidelines pages 44 through 50. The exterior will be hardy board and brick and the windows will be aluminum

clad over wood. The building that is being proposed also complies with the guidelines for setback, scale, proportion, rhythm, massing, height, materials, roof shape, details and ornamentation and color. The three trees were approved to get removed. An extension of time was also approved for the removal of the rear extension to Jazzbos of one year from the date of this application. All voted in favor. Discussion took place with Mr. Mueller about minimizing the advertising sign dimensions for this new construction. It was agreed that the Historic District Commission will review the final specifications, placement and duration prior to the placement of the sign.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Gate House Museum – Council Member Link reported that the Gate House Museum received membership fees in the amount of \$1,100 and 3 large donations.
- Schoolhouse – Commissioner Greenwald announced the construction is ongoing and should be completed over the summer. On March 8, at 1:00 p.m., another book signing will take place at St. Paul's Church since this location will hold more people. Warren and Rosie Dorsey will be in attendance.

BUSINESS:

- Observation of violations within the Historic District
Chairperson Carter indicated that he has talked to the owner of the French Twist and Market Tavern and they have complied with the removal of the neon open signs. He is still trying to reach the Pottery and Art and True Colors owners to ask them to stop using this type of sign.
It was mentioned that Time Warp has been using the sandwich board sign and it takes up the entire sidewalk. Chairperson Carter will talk to the owner of this store to have the sign removed.

Some Commissioners indicated that maybe information should be given to new businesses so that they know what the guidelines are before they spend money on a sign. It was mentioned that the Main Street Association has been working on this idea for welcome packages to include information about signage and the new Economic Development/Main Street Coordinator, will take on this task.

RECESS:

A recess was taken at 8:30 p.m. and the Historic District Commission left the meeting. The Planning Commission continued the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Perrault, Recording Secretary