

Sykesville Historic District Commission Minutes

July 28, 2015

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COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT:

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

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:

- March 24, 2015 and April 28, 2016
Motion was made by Commissioner Perrault and seconded by Council Member Link to approve the March 24, 2015 minutes with a correction, to change tress to trees under SHDC minutes, fourth bullet point. All voted in favor and Commissioner Olsen abstained.
- April 28, 2015
Motion was made by Commissioner Perrault and seconded by Commissioner Greenwald to approve April 28, 2015 minutes as written. All voted in favor.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS:

- #15-11 7516 Main Street Building renovation

The applicant was present to discuss the door replacement at this location. The applicant provided three different front doors for review and she expressed the doors needed replacement. The Commission reviewed this request and indicated the doors do not comply with the HDC guidelines and she will either need to preserve the original doors and restore them or provide documentation/pictures indicating the type of door that will be used at the house. A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Perrault to replace the 3 doors by restoring the original doors and frames or provide pictures of the doors you plan on using prior to installation. The doors must be wood with true mullions. The applicant also requested approval to clean up the exterior trim on a window. All voted in favor.

- #15-13 7526 Main Street Building renovation

The applicant was present to discuss the renovation at this location. The applicant wants to preserve the historic nature of this property by bringing it back to the original design. This is a log cabin structure that will be maintained by sealing the logs, replacing the roof with architectural roof shingles, replace the trim, use hardy plank siding on one part of the building, replace wood doors, remove the rear exterior additions that were put on the building, add a roof over the front door and build a staircase in the rear of the building. The applicant also requested to place a temporary sign on the corner of this lot to advertise the Carriage House that will be built soon. A motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Perrault to approve this application as written, in accordance with the HDC guidelines pages 9 to 30. All voted in favor.

- #15-14 7568 B Main Street Business sign

The applicant was present to discuss this application. The applicant explained 2 signs will be put up. One sign on the side of the building and the other over the front door. The applicant provided all the necessary information about the sign and the size, location, and material comply with the HDC guidelines. A motion was made by Commissioner Perrault and seconded by Council Member Link to approve this application as written. All voted in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Schoolhouse – Commissioner Greenwald reported that there has been a lot of activity at the Schoolhouse and currently a lemonade social is scheduled for August 14. The grant to have the Schoolhouse painted was approved and work should start this fall. The walkway should be paved by the end of this week.

BUSINESS:

- Streetscape update – Dawn Ashbacher indicated that the concept plan is moving forward and presented the Commission with two concepts to review. The main concern at this time is the need for parking and sidewalk allocation. The Commissioners indicated they would like to see more sidewalk rather than the parking. It was suggested an alternative for parking needs to be addressed. Ms. Ashbacher indicated the concept plan should be finalized by the end of the year and at that time a meeting will be had with all Commissions to review.
- Election of Vice Chairperson for Historic District Commission - A motion was made by Commissioner Perrault and seconded by Commissioner Greenwald to vote Commissioner Olsen as Vice Chair of this Commission.
- Update Guidelines for landscaping in the Historic District – At a meeting in the late 90's, discussion was held in reference to changing the guidelines for landscaping within the Historic District. The paperwork appears to be ready to present to the M&TC but there is nothing indicating that the changes were approved by the M&TC. Staff will work on this

issue to bring it before the M&TC.

- Changing the HDC meeting from the fourth Tuesday of every month to the third Tuesday of every month. Comments were made and it will be discussed further at the next meeting.
- Chairperson Carter indicated there is a vacancy on the Commission and if anyone knows anyone who would like to become involved, to contact Janice.
- Observation of violations within the Historic District

It was noted that there are many sandwich signs on the sidewalks and this blocks the sidewalks.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Motion was made by Commissioner Perrault and seconded by Commissioner Carter to adjourn at 9:12 pm. The Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Perrault, Recording Secretary