

Sykesville Historic District Commission
Tuesday, January 24, 2017
Staff Report

6:30 P.M. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance

Orientation for New Commissioners

This is a brief overview of how the Commission works, Robert's Rules of Order, how to make a motion, and anything else the new Commissioners should know before the meeting starts.

Minutes: December 6, 2016

7:00 P.M. BUSINESS:

- **Public Hearing on proposed Street Furniture and Sandwich Board Sign Guidelines**

The merchants have been invited to attend this meeting and give their feedback on the proposed guidelines. So far, one question has been brought forward: do the proposed guidelines affect furniture on private property, such as the patio and porch on the French Twist, the porch on Revive and Company, and the seating area at the back of E.W. Becks? This will be discussed among all the Commissioners. If in agreement, the guidelines will be passed to the Mayor and Town Council for their approval.

- **Case No.: 17-01**

Applicant: Tri-Sport Junction

Proposal: 7568 B Main Street

Comments: 7568 B Main Street is a **contributing** building of the Historic District. – Rated A.

(You can see a map of the Historic District and the ratings of all buildings in it on page 4 of the guidelines. Ratings are A-E. Buildings rated A, B, or C are considered contributing buildings; buildings rated D and E are considered non-contributing buildings. Contributing buildings are buildings, structures, objects or sites within the Historic District which reflect the significance of the district as a whole, because of historic associations, historic architectural qualities or features, and historic integrity. Non-contributing buildings do not have historic significance, however they must still abide by the guidelines.)

To determine this case the Commission should read and consider the following sections of the Guidelines:

Page 35 – Illumination of Buildings

It is recommended that external illumination of business signs occurs in a manner that shields pedestrians and motorists from glare, illumination should enhance rather than obliterate features and details, and be true color renditions luminaries.

Page 36 – Applied Wall Signs

If illuminated, applied wall signs should be lighted from above.

Page 38 – Hanging Signs

It is recommended that the hanging signs be mounted perpendicular to the façade with a minimum clearance of 8 feet above the sidewalk, project no more than 42 inches from the façade, and be located 12 inches behind the plane of the curb. Hanging signs should be no more than 42 inches high and have a maximum area of 6.5 square feet per face. (N.B. to calculate square feet **of a rectangle**, multiply the length and width of the sign together and, if measurements are in inches, divide by 144, to find square feet).

8:00 P.M. Committee Reports:

- Gate House Museum Report
- Schoolhouse Report

8:10 P.M. Business:

- Open positions on the Commission
- Observation of Violations

ADJOURNMENT: