

Sykesville Historic District Commission
Thursday, July 13, 2017
Staff Report

7:00P.M. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: April 4, 2017

7:05 P.M. BUSINESS:

- **Case No.: 17-11**

Applicant: Tommy Steinebrunner

Proposal: 7547 Main Street, Gazebo

Comments: 7547 Main Street is a **contributing** building of the Historic District – Rated A.

Tommy Steinebrunner will give a presentation about his Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal. He would like to pressure wash and stain the gazebo and retaining wall on Main Street, create a garden behind the gazebo, and build benches and tables for inside the gazebo. The benches and tables will be freestanding so they may be moved if needed. Mark Onheiser, Special Projects Coordinator for the Town, reviewed the plans, and his comments have been incorporated. Tommy plans to have this project completed by August 25, before he leaves for college.

To determine this case, the Commission should read and consider the Street Furniture guidelines, see attached as they are not yet incorporated into the guidelines, and also pages 52 through 57 – Public Spaces and Landscape Features.

- **Case No.: 17-09**

Applicant: Stacey Swierzbinski

Proposal: 7526 Main Street, Branches of Yoga

Comments: 7526 Main Street is a **contributing** building of the Historic District – Rated B.

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

Pages 38 and 39 – Business Signs, Hanging Signs

Hanging signs should be mounted perpendicular to the façade with at least 8 feet of clearance above the sidewalk, project no more than 42 inches from the façade, and be located at least 12 inches behind the plane of the curb.

Signs should be no more than 42 inches high and have a maximum of 6.5 square feet per face.

- **Case No.: 17-10**

Applicant: Jason Smith

Proposal: 7610 Main Street, Firehouse Creamery

Comments: 7610 Main Street is a **contributing** building of the Historic District – Rated B.

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

Pages 36 and 37 – Business Signs, Applied Wall Signs

Applied wall signs are located on the signboard area of a storefront or immediately above the signboard area. They may be painted, or constructed of wood, metal, or other appropriate material. Applied wall signs should be mounted flush on the signboard, should only contain the name of the business and its logo or symbol if appropriate, and no more than 65% of the signboard area should be devoted to the sign. Lettering and logos should be a minimum of 8 inches high and a maximum of 18 inches high.

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Page 34 – Awnings

Awnings should fit within the storefront or window opening and should complement the design of the storefront or window. Storefront awnings should have a minimum clearance of 8 feet above the sidewalk and the valance should be 1 foot behind the plane of the curb. Colors should complement the façade and no more than two colors should be used. Canvas duck is the recommended awning material.

- **Case No.: 17-08**

Applicant: Main Street Association

Proposal: A bike rack in Centennial Fountain Park

Comments:

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

The Street Furniture guidelines are attached as they are not yet incorporated into the Guidelines. Please also consider pages 52 through 57 – Public Spaces and Landscape Features

The concrete pad will be poured between the tracks as a base for the bike rack. It will be 5 feet by 17 feet. The bike rack is a flat metal rack shaped like a train; it will not be something that children can play on. The front will have a “cow pusher” type design that will be 3D and will hold more bikes. There were concerns over the loss of the greenspace in the park. The flags that are there denote Miss Utility and not the placement of two possible pads for the bikes to be placed on. If it is determined that there needs to be a more solid placement for the bikes on either side of the rack, pavers may be placed that are similar or identical to the pavers used around the fountain.

The tree removal is also included in this application and formal approval of it will be included with this application.

- **Follow up about the Business Use of Sidewalks Applications**
The letters for the business owners are ready and will be distributed at this meeting.
- **#16-19 Warfield Complex Development Plan**
The applicant has submitted a Preliminary Architectural Design for review based on page 9 of the New Construction Guidelines.

An updated pattern book, version 4.9, has been submitted by the applicant. Please see the attached memo from Richard Wagner for his comments about the pattern book.

8:30 P.M. Committee Reports:

- Gate House Museum Report
- Schoolhouse Report

8:40 P.M. Business:

- Open positions on the Commission
- Observation of Violations

8:50 P.M. CLOSED SESSION:

The meeting is proposed to be closed pursuant to the General Provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 3-305(b): (1) To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

- **Personnel** – Professional Services – Confidential Personal Information

ADJOURNMENT: