

Sykesville Historic District Commission Minutes

March 27, 2018

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The Sykesville Historic District Commission (SHDC) meeting was held on March 27, 2018 in the Conference Room at the Sykesville Town House. Commissioner Fogg called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Commissioners Norman Fogg, Melissa Clark and Michael Johnston. Commissioner Richard McCullough arrived during the Business Use of Sidewalks discussion. Council Member Stacy Link

STAFF: Aretha Adams, Town Manager,
Kerry Chaney, Town Clerk

MINUTES: February 6, 2018

Town Clerk, Kerry Chaney, explained that there was an error in these minutes. The dates used to identify the Warfield documents that were approved were incorrect. The minutes were revised with the correct dates.

Commissioner Fogg motioned to approve the revised February 6, 2018 minutes. Council Member Link seconded. All voted in favor.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS:

- # 18-02 Residential Roof Replacement
The applicant was not in attendance to discuss this application. He discovered a leak in his roof and would like to repair the roof as soon as possible. He provided a picture of his house, but the SHDC was unable to determine if the shingles were architectural shingles. The shingles should be replaced in kind, so if there are architectural shingles, architectural shingles should be used in the replacement. The SHDC requested a better photograph of the roof.

This application was tabled for more information.

- #17-20 French Twist Fence
The architect was in attendance to discuss this application. They have revised the plans from what was presented at the last meeting. The new plans have the fence a “tiny bit bigger.” The cooler will be three feet away from the building for maintenance, and the fence will take up most of the parking space. The cooler compressor is still below the fence line; the fence will be 11 feet 4 inches high with grade adjustments. Council Member Link suggested using opaque stain rather than latex paint on pressure treated lumber because it will require less maintenance and repainting.

Council Member Link motioned to approve application #17-20 for 732 Oklahoma

Avenue for the revised fence plan based on page 56 of the guidelines. Commissioner Johnston seconded. All voted in favor.

BUSINESS:

- Committee Reports: Nothing new to report from the Schoolhouse. The Gate House is the same update as in the Town Council Committee Reports. It was emailed to the Commissioners.
- Business Use of Sidewalks
The SHDC discussed the process for Business Use of Sidewalks applications and the Street Furniture guidelines. They were informed that the owner of Cowboys and Angels is upset by the decision to remove her bench, and she would like to be able to put it back out. The SHDC determined that the bench does not comply with the Street Furniture guidelines that were adopted in 2017. They also agreed that the bench had been in place long before the guidelines were adopted. The SHDC agreed to allow the owner of Cowboys and Angels place her bench back on the sidewalk as a display, not as a bench, and it will still require the three foot sidewalk clearance.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Council Member Link to adjourn at 8:00 P.M. The Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kerry Chaney, Recording Secretary