Sykesville Historic District Commission Minutes May 22, 2018

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The Sykesville Historic District Commission (SHDC) meeting was held on May 22, 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, Richard McCullough, and Michael Johnston. Council Member Stacy Link

STAFF: Aretha Adams, Town Manager

Kerry Chaney, Town Clerk

Mark Onheiser, Special Projects Coordinator

MINUTES: April 24, 2018 – all voted in favor of approving the minutes from April 24, 2018, with Commissioner Clark abstaining.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS:

• #18-06 Landscaping at 7547 Main Street
Mark Onheiser, Special Projects Coordinator, was in attendance for the applicant. He has
been working with Seven Springs Landscaping to create a new landscape plan for the
front of the Town House. He explained that the hedge row at the top of the hill will be
removed and replaced with a more naturally flowing row of hedges rather than a straight
line. The hedges right in front of the porch will also be removed, as they are housing
multiple bee's nests. They will be replaced with smaller plantings so as to not block the
front of the Town House. The boxwoods that are around the War Memorial currently
will be moved for better survival rates, and dead ones will be replaced. There are two
trees that will be planted at a later date. There was some discussion among the
Commissioners regarding maple trees and invasive species of plants. Mr. Onheiser
explained that the plantings are all native to the area.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston and seconded by Council Member Link to approve the landscaping plan at 7547 Main Street, as it is in conformance with the Guidelines on pages 54 and 55, *Trees, Shrubs, and Other Major Plantings*. All voted in favor.

• #18-05 Speaker System on Main Street
Julie Della-Maria, Executive Director of the Downtown Sykesville Connection, was in
attendance to discuss the proposed speaker system on Main Street. She explained that
there will be nine speakers placed on different businesses along Main Street and a two
and a half foot tower placed on top of one of the buildings that should not be visible from
Main Street. The speakers can be painted so that they will be less obvious on the
buildings. The paint will be non-reflective and non-glossy. Ms. Della-Maria will send

information on the final placement spots of the speakers to Kerry Chaney, Town Clerk.

A motion was made by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Council Member Link to approve application #18-05 for multiple speakers placed along Main Street with the speakers not being placed on any ornamental aspects of the buildings and with a best effort given to minimize the visual presence of the speakers on the buildings, including painting. Page 35, *Illumination of Buildings*, was used to justify this motion, as lighting is similar to modern technology. All voted in favor.

BUSINESS:

- Council Member Link mentioned that the flowerpot discussed at previous meetings was moved from in front of Norwood Ice Cream and Candy Company.
- Commissioner Fogg asked for an update regarding the Warfield Development. Aretha
 Adams, Town Manager, explained that the hope is to close on the property between mid
 to end June. Ms. Adams said she had weekly conference calls to ensure it continues
 moving forward. The applicant was interested in amending the easement with the
 Maryland Historical Trust to use new baseline photos of the historic buildings, but the
 Town was opposed to that idea.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Fogg and seconded by Commissioner Clark to adjourn at 7:54 P.M. The Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted, Kerry Chaney, Recording Secretary