

Sykesville Historic District Commission Minutes

March 26, 2019

The Sykesville Historic District Commission (SHDC) meeting was held on March 26, 2019 in the Conference Room at the Sykesville Town House. Commissioner Fogg called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Commissioners Norman Fogg, Melissa Clark, Richard McCullough, and Michael Johnston. Council Member Stacy Link

STAFF: Kerry Chaney, Town Clerk
Jared Schumacher, Circuit Rider/Grants Manager

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS:

- #19-03
The applicant and his architect were in attendance to discuss this application. They are proposing to build a new building in the empty lot at 7528 Main Street using hardie plank siding, brick, storefront painted azek, and other materials similar to the Historic Carriage House 2. The architect explained that the building will be three stories and will be a mix of commercial and residential spaces. They are planning to use the same materials as the Historic Carriage House 2, but they do not want the buildings to be mirror images of each other.

The building will have metal canopy roofs and steel window heads. It'll give it a slightly industrial look without being too much. The balconies will have safety walls rather than safety fences. The roof will be minimally pitched with rubber roofing material that will only be seen from the rear of the building.

There was discussion regarding the divided lights of the transoms and full length storefront glass windows. The applicant and architect revised the plans to show the large window over the transom with divisions but no divisions in the first floor storefront windows. The sides of the building will also have the first floor windows switched to no divisions.

Council Member Link motioned to approve application #19-03 for a new mixed use building at 7528 Main Street with the changes discussed as the plans are consistent with the guidelines on pages 43-49. Commissioner Johnston seconded the motion. All voted in favor with Commissioner Clark abstaining.

- Downtown Sykesville Connection Public Art and other projects
The Downtown Sykesville Connection (DSC) has purchased sheds that will be used to store their Farmers' Market and festival equipment. The sheds will be located by Farm and Home Services and the Pullman Car behind the Post Office. The design will be to match the French Twist and the caboose.

The DSC was awarded funds for an “urban transformation” project. The project will include painting modern fixtures, such as electricity boxes and meters, and also a “crosswalk” between the Centennial Fountain Park and the Post Office.

BUSINESS:

- Kerry Chaney, Town Clerk, introduced the Town’s intern for the semester, Maria Padulla. Maria is a current high school student and is working on a volunteer flowchart and spreadsheet for the Town. Maria asked the SHDC for any information they would like potential volunteers to know.
- Jared Schumacher, Circuit Rider/Grants Manager, gave an update on the connectivity project for which the Town had been awarded a grant.
- Kerry Chaney, Town Clerk, updated the SHDC on the neon sign which has been removed from The Whistle Stop, and the permanent store sign at The Patapsco Distilling Company, which was placed.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, a motion was made by Council Member Link and seconded by Commissioner Johnston to adjourn at 8:28 P.M. The Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kerry Chaney, Recording Secretary