

Sykesville Historic District Commission Minutes

May 27, 2020

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The Sykesville Historic District Commission (SHDC) meeting was held on May 27, 2020 via Zoom.us teleconference. Commissioner Fogg called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Commissioners Norman Fogg, Richard McCullough, Chad Bederka, and Council Member Anna Carter

ABSENT: Commissioner Mike Johnston

STAFF: Joseph Cosentini, Town Manager
Kerry Chaney, Town Clerk

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS:

- # 2020-02 Front Façade Renovation
Applicant Fred Gossage was in attendance. The current front façade is in a very deteriorated condition. He explained that an architect duplicated the plan from an old photograph of the front façade. He is proposing to keep the original cornice and renovate the front of the building, so it is back to its original design. He will use German Lap siding on the front façade, and HardiePlank on the nonvisible sides. The alley was infilled in the 1950s. They could paint it to match the corner of Cowboys and Angels building, however the two buildings are offset by at least two feet. The back side of the building is unsavable due to the lack of a footer. The back will be completely rebuilt as an ADA accessible apartment, and it will be rebuilt exactly except for a slightly higher ceiling height to meet code. The stairwell will also be redone to meet code. The front will have two storefronts. Mr. Gossage wants to put a stained-glass window on the top floor to mimic the stained-glass on 7556 Main Street.

Council Member Carter motioned to approve application #2020-02 for 7550 Main Street for the front façade renovation and rear rebuild as it conforms to the Guidelines on pages 13-20. Commissioner Fogg seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

- #2020-03 New Applied Wall Sign
Applicant Fred Gossage was in attendance. He explained that the top letters are the same size as the current sign, and the bottom letters are smaller. He is renaming the building to be a memorial to his dad and to the history of the building. The sign is the exact footprint of the current sign. It will have an aluminum finish but will not be shiny.

Commissioner Fogg motioned to approve application #2020-03 for 7566 Main Street as it conforms to the Guidelines on Page 36. Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

- #2020-04 Demolition and Rebuild
The applicants were present. They explained that the building at 7518 Main Street is a hodgepodge on the outside and on the foundation. The outside of the building is a mix of brick and siding with possibly one or two architecturally interesting windows. The foundation is in disrepair; it cannot be reinforced. The building was almost fully burned and rebuilt in the late 1990s.

Commissioner Fogg motioned to approve the demolition portion of application #2020-04 for 7518 Main Street, with the building to be replaced with approved plans, and with anything salvageable from the building saved and reused. Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The applicants presented the plans for the replacement building at 7518 Main Street. Council Member Carter explained that the roofline of the replacement building does not look historic. There was discussion regarding the façade and how to use the bands of different color to help break up the lines. There was discussion of a gable on the porch roof instead of it being straight across.

A wood fence is currently in place and will not be disturbed for parking shielding. Planning Commission will address the site plan.

The SHDC did not approve the building plans as they were. The applicants will return with modified plans.

- Discussion of a Freestanding Sign
The new business owners of 7618 Main Street were present to discuss. They announced they bought the business and will be replacing the freestanding sign. The footprint of the sign will be the same as the current standing sign, however the design will be different. The SHDC does not have purview over freestanding signs, so this was for information purposes only.

BUSINESS:

- Commissioner Fogg announced he will be on the Master Plan Committee and the SHDC will be consulted during the process.
- The next SHDC meeting will be June 23, and it will be held via Zoom teleconference.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Fogg and seconded by Council Member Carter to adjourn at 9:06 P.M. The Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kerry Chaney, Recording Secretary