

Sykesville Historic District Commission Minutes

April 27, 2021

The Sykesville Historic District Commission (SHDC) meeting was held on April 27, 2021 via Zoom teleconference. Commissioner Fogg called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Commissioners Norman Fogg, Richard McCullough, Chad Bederka, Jeanette Nichols, and Michael Johnston. Council Member Anna Carter

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

MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner Bederka to approve the minutes from December 15, 2020. All voted in favor.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS:

- # 2021-01 Fence Replacement at 7323 Springfield Avenue
The applicant was not in attendance. The existing fence is in disrepair. The replacement fence is similar in design and is compatible with the neighborhood.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fogg to approve application #2021-01 for a fence replacement at 7323 Springfield Avenue as it is in compliance with the Guidelines on page 55. Commissioner Johnston seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

- #2021-02 Hanging Business sign at 7602 Main Street
The applicant was not in attendance. The sign will be hung from the same bracket as the previous business sign. It is below the square footage limit and has enough clearance from the sidewalk.

A motion was made by Council Member Carter to approve application #2021-02 for the hanging business sign at 7602 Main Street. Commissioner Nichols seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

- #2021-03 Garden Shed at 7547 Main Street
Joe Cosentini, Town Manager, was in attendance as the applicant. He explained it will be located on the parking lot side of the Town House near the air conditioning units. It is about 2.5 feet deep, 4 feet wide, and 5 feet tall. It will replace the plastic bin that is currently sitting on the front porch. There will not be a concrete pad underneath it; there will be minor grading so it sits level.

A motion was made by Council Member Carter to approve application #2021-03 for a garden shed at 7547 Main Street. Commissioner Bederka seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

BUSINESS:

- Joe Cosentini, Town Manager, offered training to the SHDC through the Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions. Funds are included in the FY2022 budget.
- There was brief discussion about possible changes to the Warfield development plans. Nothing has been submitted to the Town yet, however additional residential would require a zoning change. The developers would need to go through the SHDC, Planning Commission, and Town Council for the change.
- Council Member Carter discussed materials including the request to the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) regarding replacement materials. There was no response from the MHT, but there is language in the Warfield guidelines allowing for replacement materials. Council Member Carter asked if a materials list could be obtained from the MHT. The MHT would not have a limited list based off of brands or manufacturers, they would only discuss types, such as vinyl or wood clad windows, that are considered acceptable. The SHDC will begin to review the materials based off other communities' guidelines.
- Commissioner Fogg noted there is still a neon sign at Sykesville Pottery and Art Center. There was discussion regarding the neon rope lights inside the windows at Headmasters Salon. Mr. Cosentini will reach out to Headmasters Salon and Sykesville Pottery and Art Center.
- There was a discussion regarding the window paintings and signs. There are guidelines regarding temporary display window signs. This will also be reviewed during the Guidelines and materials review.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, a motion was made by Council Member Carter and seconded by Commissioner Fogg to adjourn at 7:47 P.M. The Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kerry Chaney, Recording Secretary