

Sykesville Historic District Commission Minutes November 17, 2020

A special Sykesville Historic District Commission (SHDC) meeting was held on November 17, 2020 via Zoom.us teleconference. Commissioner Fogg called the meeting to order at 6:10 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS:

- 2020-14 Residential Roof Replacement
The applicant was present to discuss this application. He explained that his insurance company has changed, and the new company identified issues with his existing roof that need to be fixed. The roof will be entirely replaced with Certainteed architectural shingles, and the gutters will be replaced with K-style non-reflective gutters. He explained that there are also two chimneys that will be repaired, recemented, and a new liner will be placed. The chimney repairs will not cause any visual changes.

Commissioner Fogg motioned to approve application 2020-14 for 7625 Mellor Avenue as it is in compliance with the guidelines on page 26. Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

- 2020-15 Wood Trim Repair
Richard Wagner, AIA, was in attendance for the applicant. He was hired by the State to recommend the historical changes that are needed for the Hubner and T buildings. He explained that all the wood trim features will need repair or replacement. The wood will all be repainted to match the existing color.

Mr. Wagner explained that the wood they found for replacement is South American mahogany. Another option is the use of a fly ash replacement material called Boral. Fly ash has been used in Virginia and Georgia in historic buildings. It is a sustainable and low maintenance material that is designed to mimic real wood. It is able to be painted and should last 30-40 years with proper maintenance. It is also through finished, so if it gets damaged, it would not be as noticeable.

Council Member Carter was hesitant about approving the fly ash material. She explained that the guidelines state using in kind replacement materials. If the SHDC wants to begin allowing other replacement materials, they should consider changing the guidelines. Because the buildings are covered by the Maryland Historical Trust, the SHDC approval will have to be sent to them, and they will have to approve as

well.

Commissioner Fogg motioned to approve application # 2020-15 for the Hubner and T buildings as submitted with the exclusion of the materials. The SHDC will defer the opinion of the materials, specifically the use of a replacement material other than wood, to the Maryland Historic Trust, who will be reviewing and approving the application as well. Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Fogg motioned to approve the minutes for October 27, 2020 and November 4, 2020. Commissioner Johnston seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

BUSINESS:

- Joe Cosentini, Town Manager, thanked the people who participated in the Design Workshop for the Comprehensive Master Plan update. There will be a virtual town hall opening in December.
- Mr. Cosentini also announced that he will be visiting the businesses with neon signs.
- There is no new news on the sale of the DunnRite buildings.
- Commissioner McCullough asked the rationale behind replacing the front door on 7323 Springfield Avenue. It was a replacement approved by the SHDC. The applicant noted that the current door was in bad condition.
- Commissioner McCullough also noticed that the pink house on Springfield Avenue ripped off their side porch and entry room and restored it to the original porch. He wondered the process of sending violations since the work is completed and the owner did amazing, historically correct work.
- Kerry Chaney, Town Clerk, asked for a date for the December meeting, as there is an application. The SHDC will have their meeting on December 15 at 6 P.M. It will be held via Zoom teleconference.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Fogg and seconded by Commissioner Bederka to adjourn at 7:12 P.M. The Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kerry Chaney, Recording Secretary