

Sykesville Historic District Commission Minutes

October 27, 2020

The Sykesville Historic District Commission (SHDC) meeting was held on October 27, 2020 via Zoom.us 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, and Chad Bederka. Council Member Anna Carter

ABSENT: Commissioner Mike Johnston

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

MINUTES: Commissioner Fogg motioned to approve the minutes from September 22, 2020. Commissioner Bederka seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS:

- #2020-12 Residential Roof Replacement
The applicant was in attendance to discuss this application. He explained that while they were completing work on the house, they realized that the roof needed to be replaced. The SHDC confirmed that the shingles being proposed were architectural shingles. The applicant explained he chose the color to complement the house color.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fogg to approve application #2020-12 for a roof replacement at 7323 Springfield Avenue as it is presented with architectural shingles as it is in conformance with the guidelines on pages 25 and 26. Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

- #2020-13 Repairs and Alterations
The applicant was in attendance to discuss this application. He explained that the rear garage building is between 12 and 15 years old. A hot water heater exploded, and rot spread through the building. He is installing new Tyvex coating and 8-inch Hardieboard siding in a color to match Cowboys and Angels. The building is in the rear and faces the parking.

Commissioner Fogg motioned to approve application #2020-13 for the rear garage building at 7552 Main Street as it is presented as it is in conformance with the guidelines on page 42. Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mr. Gossage, the applicant, asked about replacement windows, and noted that he would be using full wood windows.

- **Warfield Townhome Brick Colors**
Michael Wonsala was present for Lennar Builders, the builders for the Warfield townhomes. He explained that the SHDC had previously approved two brick colors, Potomac and Camden, but the Potomac color has been discontinued. It is not even being manufactured under a new name. He presented two new colors and asked the SHDC to choose one.

The SHDC asked Mr. Wonsala to drop the samples of the two new colors at the leasing office so they could view them in person. The SHDC will have a special meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2020, to make a determination after they have seen the brick samples in person.

- **Temporary Sign Policy due to COVID-19**
Joe Cosentini, Town Manager, was in attendance to discuss this matter with the SHDC. He explained that during the initial COVID-19 shutdown, one business asked to place a neon open sign so potential customers would know they are open. Since the restrictions have lifted, Mr. Cosentini requested a deadline for removing the neon signs from the SHDC. He suggested the end of the calendar year.

The SHDC explained that they do not see a need for the open signs now that almost all of the businesses are open. They would prefer to see the neon signs removed prior to the holidays. They are willing to readdress the issue if there is another shutdown.

BUSINESS:

- Commissioner Fogg and Joe Cosentini announced updates regarding the Comprehensive Master Plan process including numerous meetings that occurred in October, and one upcoming meeting on Thursday, October 29, 2020, giving an overview of what was discussed during the Downtown Visioning Sessions.
- The Commissioners discussed an American flag that is hanging from a Main Street business in a way that when you are walking down the sidewalk, it hits you in the face. Mr. Cosentini will look into the flag and what can be done.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Fogg and seconded by Commissioner Bederka to adjourn at 7:44 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kerry Chaney, Recording Secretary