

Sykesville Historic District Commission Minutes

March 24, 2015

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COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT:

George Carter, Chairperson
Norman Fogg
Stacy Link, Council Member
Lloyd Perrault
Patricia Greenwald
Joe Moltz, Vice Chairperson

ABSENT:

Matthew Olsen

Chairperson Carter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Sykesville Town House. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Dawn Ashbacher, Town Manager was also in attendance.

SHDC MINUTES:

- March 2, 2015

Motion was made by Council Member Link and seconded by Commissioner Perrault to approve the minutes with the following changes:

- o Add Pat Greenwald to Commissioners Present
- o Correct the spelling of Mr. Mueller
- o Change Hardy Boy to Hardy Board
- o Change the three tress were approved to be removed. Remove the rest of the sentence.
- o Change the extension of time to remove the rear extension at Jazzbos to March 2, 2016 to correspond with this current application.
- o Add discussion about the sign at the new construction property.

All voted in favor.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS:

- #15-02 7568 Main Street Suite B Business Sign

The applicant was not present to discuss the sign at this location. The Commission was provided the documents for the sign that will be applied directly to the building above the door. Commissioners questioned the type of material and if electric was planned for this sign. A motion was made by Council Member Link and seconded by Commissioner Perrault to postpone approval of this application until additional information can be provided to the Commission about the type of material and if electricity will be used. All voted in favor.

- #15-03 7547 Main Street Community Garden/Library

The applicant, Kirsten Wilson from Girl Scout Troop 1020 along with Lindsay Merkel, Chairperson of the Green Committee with the Main Street Association, was present to discuss the idea of having a Little Free Library at the Community Garden in front of the Town House. The structure is a 22" X 28" set on a 4X4 pressure treated post and will be installed beneath the maple tree immediately adjacent to the existing bench. The idea is to have a free library that encourages people to borrow or donate a book is promoted throughout the state of Maryland. The Commission reviewed the plans and a motion was made by Council Member Link and seconded by Commissioner Moltz to approve this application in accordance with the Public Spaces and Landscaping/Street Furniture guidelines for the Historic District. It was noted, the applicant needs to get approval from the Town. All voted in favor.

- #15-04 7547 Main Street Lighting in front of Town House

The applicant was present to discuss this application. The Town recently applied and received a grant to repair and update the lighting at the current 4 poles in front of the Town House. This project includes checking the current wiring to ensure it is in working condition, locating globes for the light poles, and installation. A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Moltz to approve this application and the globe presented in accordance with the Public Spaces and Landscaping/Street Furniture guidelines from the Historic District. All voted in favor.

- #15-05 7556 Main Street Hanging Sign

The applicant Sharon Tringali was present to discuss this application. This is a hanging sign that will be put on a bracket outside the place of business Metamorphosis Pilates Studio. The sign will be 20"X28" and will be hung 8' from the sidewalk. A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Moltz to approve the hanging sign in accordance with Business Signs/Hanging Signs guidelines from the Historic District. They also requested the approval from the owner of the property. All voted in favor.

- #14-28 7611 Main Street Exterior repair

The applicant was not present to discuss this portion of the application. Staff was informed that the letter sent to the applicant did not include the porch or railing for the façade grant and staff requested the Commission to assist with the final wording of the motion from the meeting held on October 28, 2014. Discussion took place and some Commissioners indicated the applicant should have amended the application not staff since they need to know what material the railing is made of. After further review, it was noted that the Historic District Guidelines does not cover anything related to railings and would not need to approve this part of the application. Since the railing will be part of an ADA ramp the railing

will need to comply with ADA. A motion was made by Council Member Link and seconded by Commissioner Moltz to amend the motion from October 28 to include replacing the porch and indicate in the letter that the railing is not part of the HDC guidelines so it does not need to be part of the application. The vote was 4 in favor with Carter opposing and Perrault Abstaining.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Gate House Museum – Council Member Link reported that the Gate House Museum’s next event on March 29 is the Cooper Ridge Mine Tour from 2-4:30 p.m. Johnny Johnsson, local mining historian will be the tour guide.
- Schoolhouse – Commissioner Greenwald mentioned that she met with a Preservation Maryland representative along with Town Manager, Dawn Ashbacher to discuss the grant application for the tar and chip walkway. The Town should find out soon if the grant was awarded to the Schoolhouse.

BUSINESS:

- Warfield and Springfield Avenue visit. It appears everyone was in favor of May 17. Once this is confirmed, everyone will be notified.
- Meeting with Richard Wagner – Since I have not heard from Mr. Wagner, I will try contacting him another way.
- Roof replacements – recently a couple of roofs were going to get replaced and it was brought to our attention is was the same like and quality as the current rood which would make this a repair and not a replacement and therefore, would not need a permit application for the HDC. After further review, it was noted the roof replacement will be an upgrade and will need to fill out an application. In addition, the Howe’s building roof was sealed which is a repair and not seen from a public right-of-way and does not need to file a permit application.
- Observation of violations within the Historic District
Chairperson Carter indicated that he has talked to the owner of the Pottery and Art and gave them some time to remove the neon open sign. He is still in the process of trying to contact the owner of True Colors to ask them to stop using this type of sign.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Motion was made by Commissioner Perrault and seconded by Commissioner Greenwald to adjourn at 8:40 pm. The Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Perrault, Recording Secretary