

This meeting was held remotely via Zoom and was broadcast to the public via the Planning and Code Administration Department’s YouTube channel. All HDC members participated in the meeting off site. Michael Gehr, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:49 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2020. A roster of the members of the commission and the technical posts they fill are on file and available upon request. Also participating virtually were commission members L. Allen, R. Powell, and M. Wertman. In addition to Mr. Bockmiller, P. Fulk, Audio-Visual Technical Assistance; and D. Calhoun, Secretary, were present at City Hall.

Approval of Minutes:

April 23, 2020.

MOTION: (Wertman/Allen) I move we approve (to accept the minutes of April 23).
DISCUSSION: None.
ACTION: APPROVED (Unanimous: Allen, Powell, Wertman)

CONSENT AGENDA

823 Oak Hill Avenue – Pete Loewenheim – Roof Replacement, Case No. HDC 2020-12.

822 Forest Drive – P. Sean Guy and Alice J. Guy – Fence, Case No. HDC 2020-13.

17 East Avenue – Mark Bartel – Sign, Case No. HDC 2020-15.

Ms. Allen asked if there is any consideration between architectural shingles and straight shingles on this property (823 Oak Hill Avenue) and whether they could be used for this property. Mr. Gehr noted that architectural shingles have more of a design pattern which give the appearance of slate. Architectural shingles have been approved by the commission in the past. Pete Loewenheim, owner of the property at 823 Oak Hill Avenue, explained that when he scanned the manufacturer’s literature, the scanner added color. The actual shingles are all gray.

MOTION: (Wertman/Powell) Mr. Chairman, I have reviewed the materials submitted in Cases HDC 2020-15, HDC 2020-13, and HDC 2020-12 and their associated staff reports and recommendations, and I have viewed the properties in question. The staff reports recommend approval of these applications as consistent with the applicable standards adopted by this commission, and no one has appeared at this hearing with concerns about, issues with, or objections to these applications. Therefore, I move that this commission adopt the staff evaluations and recommendations in these cases as its own and grant Certificates of Appropriateness to the applicants for Cases HDC 2020-15, -13, and -12.

DISCUSSION: None.
ACTION: APPROVED (Unanimous: Allen, Powell, Wertman)

DESIGN REVIEW

None.

WORKSHOP

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Bockmiller stated that potential preservation awards will be discussed at the May 28 meeting.
- Ms. Wertman asked if the commission would pick up its review of the Design Guidelines. Mr. Bockmiller stated that review is on hold for now.
- Mr. Bockmiller noted that at this time the City of Hagerstown will continue to be closed to the public which means no “in-person” meetings yet. Concerning the Zoom issues that prevented this meeting from starting on time, all agreed there was something odd going on with this afternoon’s meeting. Many participants (applicants and commission members) had issues signing in.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

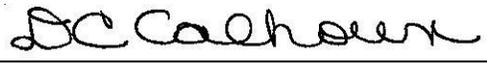
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ADJOURN

It was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn (5:50 p.m.).

5/28/2020
Approved


Debra C. Calhoun – Secretary