

This meeting was held remotely via Zoom and was broadcast to the public via the Planning and Code Administration Department's YouTube channel. All Historic District Commission members participated in the meeting off site.

Michael Gehr, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2020. A roster of the members of the commission and the technical posts they fill are on file and available upon request. Also participating remotely were commission members L. Allen, M. Chilton, R. Powell, and M. Wertman. City of Hagerstown staff members participating at City Hall included Mr. Bockmiller, Development Planner/Zoning Administrator; P. Fulk, Audio-Visual Technical Assistance; and D. Calhoun, Commission Secretary.

Approval of Minutes:

May 14, 2020.

MOTION: (Wertman/Powell) I move we adopt (to accept the minutes of May 14.).
DISCUSSION: None.
ACTION: APPROVED (Unanimous: Allen, Chilton, Powell, Wertman)

CONSENT AGENDA

201 North Potomac Street – Zion Reformed United Church of Christ – Security Cameras, Case No. HDC 2020-16.

318 North Potomac Street – Spectrum BRP LLC – Roof Replacement, Case No. HDC 2020-17.

21 West Franklin Street – MSB Architects – Gate, Case No. HDC 2020-19.

Ms. Allen recused herself from any discussion and the vote on these cases since she is the applicant in Case HDC 2020-17. For Case No. HDC 2020-16 (Zion Reformed Church), they are planning to put in a number of security cameras throughout the site. Staff determined that most are a minor utility. The only items under consideration by the commission are the mountings.

MOTION: (Powell/Wertman) Mr. Chairman, I have reviewed the materials submitted in Cases HDC 2020-16, 2020-17, and 2020-19 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 2020-16, 2020-17, and 2020-19.

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

APPROVED (Unanimous: Allen, Powell, Wertman)

Ms. Allen rejoined the commission.

DESIGN REVIEW

15 East Avenue – Sean Bartel – Remove Chimney, Case No. HDC 2020-18.

The applicant was not present.

WORKSHOP

17 West Antietam Street – Adam Hager for Joel Merrbaugh – Light Pole in New Parking Lot.

On behalf of Adam Hager of Frederick, Seibert and Associates, engineer for the property owner, Mr. Bockmiller explained that the owner had planned to put a cobra head light fixture on a City-owned utility pole along the alley in the rear of the site. However, the City does not permit private lighting on public utility poles. Lighting will be required per the Zoning Ordinance if the lot will be used after dark.

Manufacturer’s literature was submitted for the proposed light pole that will be located in the parking lot island at the rear. The light pole and fixture are modern in appearance. Staff indicated it did not have an issue due to the distance from the street. Staff estimated this fixture would be approximately 200 feet from the street.

Commission members were able to pull the address up on Google Street View. A majority of commission members believed that the proposed light fixture would not be compatible with the district in that it would be fairly visible from the Cultural Trail on the west side and even from West Antietam Street. The brochure provided with the application listed other available models and commission members believed that either model SL14 or SL15 would blend better aesthetically with the area.

DESIGN REVIEW - Continued

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The applicant did not join the meeting. The commission agreed to defer this review until the next meeting.

MOTION: (Wertman/Powell) I move we table that particular case to the next meeting.
DISCUSSION: None.
ACTION: APPROVED (Unanimous: Allen, Chilton, Powell, Wertman)

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Bockmiller informed the commission that there was a catastrophic fire on South Prospect Street recently. City staff members are studying the options for the building.

OLD BUSINESS

Preservation Awards.

Commission members and staff discussed potential nominees for preservation awards (see spreadsheet in meeting file). Since there are no budget implications, there is no limit on the number of awards that can be made. Comments included:

- The City-owned duplex on South Prospect Street is still under construction; move to 2021 awards.
- The Maryland Theatre project is complete.
- Mt. Aetna Cannon in front of the Hager House. This gun is a manufacturer's defect; Mr. Bockmiller described it as an interesting artifact for the industrial history of the City and County.
- Moller Organ Building – save this one for 2021.
- Staff should double check the Mulberry Lofts project to make sure they did not receive an award previously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 300 North Potomac Street – The owners have solved their garbage problem with planters.

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MINUTES**

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- Saylor House – Kiwanis Park – The City of Hagerstown made a request for a Landmark Overlay on the Saylor House in Kiwanis Park. This item will be on an upcoming agenda for a recommendation to the Planning Commission.

ADJOURN

It was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn (5:15 p.m.).

6/25/2020

Approved



Debra C. Calhoun – Secretary