

**Historic District Commission  
MINUTES**

**May 13, 2021  
City of Hagerstown, Maryland**

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Michael Gehr, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. on Thursday, May 13, 2021, in the Council Chamber, Second Floor, City Hall. A roster of the members of the commission and the technical posts they fill are on file and available upon request. Also present were commission members L. Allen (via Zoom), D. Carroll (via Zoom), C. George, and R. Powell. S. Bockmiller, Development Planner/Zoning Administrator, and D. Calhoun, Secretary, were present on behalf of the Planning and Code Administration Department.

**Approval of Minutes:**

March 25, 2021.

The minutes were not ready for approval.

April 8, 2021, and April 22, 2021.

**MOTION:** (Powell/George) I'll make a motion to adopt the minutes.  
**DISCUSSION:** None.  
**ACTION:** APPROVED (Unanimous)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

None.

**DESIGN REVIEW**

**202 South Prospect Street – Sarah Perrie – Replace Balcony and Deck Balusters,  
Case No. HDC 2021-21.**

Sarah Perrie, 202 South Prospect Street, Hagerstown, Maryland, owner of the property, was present via Zoom.

Staff Report: This is a contributing resource in the South Prospect Local Historic District. The applicant is proposing to replace the deteriorated horizontal railing on the balcony (which is not to code) and the modern “Ocean City” railing system on the upper-story deck with a Second Empire Flat Sawn Bluster design with a top cap, top rail and bottom rail. The new railings will be made of pressure-treated wood and will be painted. They measure 5.5 inches wide and 33 inches tall. Staff recommended approval of the application.

Applicant/Commission Discussion: Ms. Perrie had nothing to add except that the railings will meet code once installed.

Commission members had no questions. The chair noted that the applicant should wait approximately six months to paint the balusters to allow the wood time to season.

**MOTION:** (Powell/George) Mr. Chairman, I have inspected the project plans and the property in question and if constructed in accordance with these plans, the project is compatible with the character of the district for the reasons that the height, materials, architectural detailing, general form and proportion are generally in harmony with the Architectural Design Guidelines for the Residential Historic District and the character of the adjoining properties. Therefore, I move that the HDC grant a Certificate of appropriateness to the applicant for Case No. HDC 2021-21.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**ACTION:** APPROVED (Unanimous)

## **WORKSHOP**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Mr. Bockmiller reported that the State of Maryland has funded the new stadium that will be located adjacent to, but not within, the Downtown Historic District.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Mr. Powell reminded staff that the owner of the property on the corner of East North Avenue and North Mulberry Street still has not complied with the commission's stipulations for approval of the fence.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

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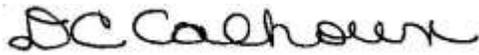
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**ADJOURN**

It was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn (4:40 p.m.).

5/27/2021  
Approved

  
Debra C. Calhoun – Secretary