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## HAGERSTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

### MINUTES

DATE: July 13, 2023 – 4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Room 407, City Hall

#### Attendance –

Name	In-Person	Remote	Absent
<b>Appointed Voting Members</b>			
Michael Gehr, Chairperson	X		
Leslie Allen, Vice Chairperson	X		
Robert Powell	X		
W. Douglas Carroll			X
Christopher George			X
Glen Grant			X
Matthew Sherman	X		
<b>Staff and Ex-Officio Members</b>			
S. Bockmiller, Development Review Planner/Zoning Administrator			X
J. Wu, Planner	X		
M. Revilla, Recording Secretary	X		

#### Preliminary Matters -

**Call to Order and Instructions from the Chair** – Michael Gehr called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m. Attendance of members and staff are reflected in the chart above. The Chair read the standard public instructions regarding order of business into the record.

#### Approval of Minutes –

##### Minutes of May 25, 2023 and Minutes of June 22, 2023.

Minutes of May 25, 2023 were withdrawn.

Ms. Allen made a motion to adopt the minutes as of June 22, 2023 as presented with no changes. Mr. Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0-0.

#### Consent Agenda –

**HDC 2023-30** - 7-11 West Franklin Street - Jessica Myers – Grant approval for Painting & wood trim repair.

**HDC 2023-31**- 47-51 North Potomac Street - Jessica Myers – Grant approval for Painting & wood trim repair.

**HDC 2023-32**- 15 West Franklin Street - Jessica Myers – Grant approval for Painting & wood trim repair.

Mr. Powell: “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 at the basic woodwork and design will stay the same as proposed are consistent with the substitution materials in our Historic District Guidelines, therefore it is also in harmony with the architectural design guidelines for Residential Historic Districts and the character of the adjoining properties. Therefore, I move that the HDC grant a certificate of appropriateness to the applicant in case number HDC 2023-30, 31, and 32.” Mr. Sherman seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0-0.

### **Design Review -**

**HDC 2023-29**– 49 Jonathan Street – Amir Shirazi – Fence.

The applicant was not present so the chair moved on to the next case.

**HDC 2023-33** – 278 South Prospect Street – Piotr Zielinski – Brick treatment, porch floor, soffit.

Description of Work and Plans: The applicant proposes to apply limewash to the brick on the building, consistent with their workshop discussion with the Commission at its last meeting.

The applicant proposes to grind the raised concrete porch surface, repair any missing concrete and cracks with epoxy filler. A Schluter systems Ditra waterproofing membrane will then be applied. On top of that, they will install a thermal concrete natural flagstone floor, step risers and stair treads. Treads will have “historic cleft finish” on front edges. This is consistent as well with the workshop discussion held with the Commission at its last meeting.

Applicant proposes to install a new plaster soffit under the porch, mounted to fiberglass “Dens Glass” backer panels, and install crown molding in similar profile as currently present on the closed in porch on the exterior transition between porch fascia and soffit, also discussed in workshop.

The applicant provided pictures of recent projects using some same and similar materials for the restorations he is proposing to do.

Ms. Allen: “Mr. Chairman, I have inspected the project plans and the property in question, and if constructed in accordance with these plans, additionally as demonstrated and explained in the prior workshop the, project is compatible with the character of the district for the reasons that the materials, and design indicated are a solution to the attempt to uniform the building and secure the erosion of the exterior surfaces and are generally in harmony with the architectural design guidelines for Downtown Historic Districts and the character of the adjoining properties.

Therefore, I move that the HDC grant a certificate of appropriateness to the applicant in case number HDC 2023-33." Mr. Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0-0.

**HDC 2023-29**– 49 Jonathan Street – Amir Shirazi – Fence.

Mr. Powell made a motion to table this case until the next meeting on July 27, 2023. Mr. Sherman seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-0.

**Workshops** -

None.

**New Business** -

None.

**Old Business** -

The Chair reminded the Commission to submit design guideline comments to be discussed at the next meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Powell stated the City Park has a set of steps at the opening of the walk with no rail. He also said someone hydro seeded and it blocks the view at concerts in the park.

**Announcements** -

Ms. Allen announced The Washington County Historical Society, for the next few weeks is holding events at the Saylor House on Thursdays at 6:00 PM.

**Adjourn** -

With no further discussion, the chair asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Powell made a motion to adjourn and Ms. Allen seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:04 P.M.



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Mary Revilla, Recording Secretary