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MINUTES - HAGERSTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Date: November 18, 2021
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, City Hall, 1 East Franklin Street
Attendance:

Name	In-Person	Remote	Absent
Michael Gehr, Chairperson	X		
Leslie Allen, Vice Chairperson	X		
Robert Powell	X		
W. Douglas Carroll	X		
Christopher George	X		
Matthew Chilton			X
Vacancy	-	-	-
Staff and Ex-Officio Members:			
S. Bockmiller, Development Review Planner and Zoning Administrator	X		
A. Haught, Recording Secretary	X		

Preliminary Matters -

- 1. Call to Order and Instructions from the Chair -** The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. Attendance of members and staff are reflected in the chart above. The Chair read the standard instructions to applicants regarding order of business into the record.
- 2. Approval of Minutes –** None.
- 3. Transfer of Case to Design Review – Action:** (Allen/Carroll) I move that case HDC 2021-39, 137 South Prospect Street be moved from consent agenda to design review. There being no additional discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

Application Review -

- 1. Consent Agenda –** The Commission agreed to the following case being approved on consent motion:
 HDC-2021-40 – 115 West Washington Street for paving.

Action: (George/Powell): Mr. Chairman, I have reviewed the materials submitted in Case No. HDC 2021-40, and its associated staff report and recommendations, and I have viewed the property in question. The staff report recommends approval of this application 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 this application. Therefore, I move that this Commission adopt the staff evaluation and recommendations in this case as its own and grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to the applicant for Case HDC 2021-40. There being no further discussion, the motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

- 2. Reviews -**

HDC 2021-39 – Debra Fyodorov - 137 South Prospect Street – Windows. The staff report, which is in the meeting file, was presented by Mr. Bockmiller. The Applicant was present and explained that it is for one window and it is on the north side toward the back of the house and not very visible from public ways.

The applicant explained the contemporary model selected. The Chair mentioned that if it is approved, she could probably get approval of the same model to replace all the windows later. Ms. Fyodorov explained that some of the windows will need replacement, but she doesn't plan to replace windows that can be repaired and she has no desire to replace the windows on the front of the house, which are repairable.

Action: (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 windows on the north and south sides and on the rear conform in general proportions with the rest of the building and are generally in harmony with the Architectural Design Guidelines for the Residential Historic Districts 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 2021-39. There being no further discussion, the motion was **approved** by a vote of 5-0.

3. **Consultations and Workshops -**

None.

4. **Historic District Commission Business -**

66 West Washington Street – Ms. Allen raised concern with water discharging from the brick on the side of this building, near where the storefront was damaged when the adjacent Delta Building was removed. Mr. Bockmiller mentioned that Mr. Shaool no longer owns the building, as it was recently purchased by Michael Fitzgerald who intends to make major investment in the building for condominium units on the upper floors and commercial units on the first floor.

Attendance – Mr. Powell stated that he is involved with sporting activities in September and October and it may be difficult for him to attend meetings those two months per year, but would do what he can to make it to at least one per month during that time.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.


Amy Haught, Recording Secretary