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MINUTES - HAGERSTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Date: January 27, 2022
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 -

- Call to Order and Instructions from the Chair** - The Vice 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.
- Approval of Minutes** – None.

Application Review -

- Consent Agenda** – The Commission agreed to the following cases being approved on consent motion:

HDC 2022-04 – 49 South Potomac Street –Vibez Lounge – Jaymea Dickson-Vinyl Store Front Logo

Action: (Carroll/Powell): Madam Chairman, I have reviewed the materials submitted in Case HDC 2022-04 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 No. HDC 2022-04. There being no further discussion, the motion was **approved** by a vote of 4-0.

- Reviews -**

HDC 2022-02 – 60 West Washington Street – City of Hagerstown – Removal of Terra Cotta Coping

Eric Deike, Director of the Department of Public Works, represented the applicant. The staff report, which is in the meeting file, was presented by Mr. Bockmiller. Mr. Deike explained that much of the coping is already missing due to various projects over the decades, and what is removed will be saved for reuse later.

Action: (Powell/Carroll): Madam Chair, 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 roof detail and construction are generally in harmony with the Architectural Design Guidelines for the Downtown 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 HDC 2022-02. There being no further discussion, the motion was **approved** by a vote of 4-0.

HDC 2022-05 – 115-117 South Potomac Street - Prasad Reddy – Window replacement and façade grant. The staff report, which is in the meeting file, was presented by Mr. Bockmiller. Three windows on the front façade were temporarily boarded when vinyl was removed in 2015 and it was decided to figure out how to deal with those windows later. The Applicant was represented by his contractor, Dale Ford. He said that the windows will be finished in “clay” and would be consistent with the 50 windows previously installed in 2015.

Action: (Powell/Carroll): Madam 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 in material and architectural details are generally in harmony with the Architectural Design Guidelines for the Architectural Design Guidelines for the Downtown 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 HDC 2022-05. There being no further discussion, the motion was **approved** by a vote of 4-0.

HDC 2022-03 – 831 Oak Hill Avenue – Andrea Aragon – Front Porch Repair. The applicant was not present.

Action: (Carroll/Powell) Madam Chair, I motion to **move** case HDC 2022-03 to the next Historic District Commission meeting. There being no further discussion, the motion was **approved** by a vote of 4-0.

3. **Consultations and Workshops -**

None.

4. **Historic District Commission Business:**

Fence at 1002 Oak Hill Avenue – Mr. Powell expressed concern with the recently constructed fence at 1002 Oak Hill Avenue and its construction of vinyl material. Mr. Bockmiller stated that this issue is on his list of issues to investigate, but due to a variety of reasons, including Covid “stay away orders” and other factors, staff is very backed up with dealing with such issues. He anticipated investigating the issue within the next couple of weeks.

Hatter’s Plaza Street Wall – The brick work on the street wall began today.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.


for Amy Haught, Recording Secretary