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## MINUTES - HAGERSTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

**Date:** April 14, 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 Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:30 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** – February 10, 2022 and February 24, 2022. **Motion:** (Carroll/Allen) I move to **approve** the minutes. There was no further discussion and the motion was **approved** by a vote of 4-0.
- Adding of Case to Agenda** – Staff requested case HDC-2022-16 (F&M Bank) be added to the agenda. By consensus and without vote, the Commission agreed to add this item to the consent agenda.

### Application Review:

- Consent Agenda** – The Commission agreed to case HDC-2022-156 (F&M Bank) for sign replacement at 83 West Washington Street being approved on consent motion:

**Action:** (Carroll/Allen): Mr. Chairman, I have reviewed the materials submitted in Case HDC 2022-16, 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 2022-16. There being no further discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 4-0.

- Reviews** -

**HDC-2022-15 – George Lang – 121 East North Avenue – Solar Panels.** The applicant failed to appear at the meeting. **Action:** (Allen/Carroll): I move to **table** this application to the next meeting. Motion was **approved** by a vote of 4-0.

### 3. Consultations and Workshops -

**170 West Washington Street – Parking lot.** Audrey Eldridge and Keith Kocher of Kimley Horn Contractors represented the applicant. The applicant purchased the property from the City for renovation and repurposing for a mix of residential and office uses. The City previously had demolished the former motel structure on the rear of the property and the applicant proposes to create a parking lot in this area to provide parking for the residences and businesses on the property. The property is narrow, so the parking area will not meet minimum buffer and other requirements which means waivers will have to be approved by the Planning Commission. A black ornamental aluminum fence would be located along North Prospect Street, to define and separate the lot from the sidewalk. The Commission had no concerns with the overall approach, and looked forward to reviewing the site plan when it is formally submitted.

### 4. Historic District Commission Business:

**Dedication of Hatters Plaza** – This new pocket park will officially open on May 14.

**Preservation Month Awards** – The Commission selected the following projects for preservation awards for 2022, by consensus and without objection:

Hatter's Plaza (City of Hagerstown),  
Jonathan Street Log Cabin (Preservation Maryland)  
441 North Potomac Street (Stephen Owens),  
465 North Potomac Street (Andrew Durham),  
Moller Organ Factory (Aaron Penteranz),  
603 Oak Hill Avenue (Groh Properties),  
Downtown Dollar General store (Penntex Ventures),  
202 South Prospect Street (Sarah Perrie)  
235 North Potomac Street (Richard and Rebecca Owens)

### Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

  
for Amy Haught, Recording Secretary