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HAGERSTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

MINUTES

DATE: February 8, 2024 – 4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Room 407, City Hall Building

Attendance –

Name	In-Person	Remote	Absent
Appointed Voting Members			
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
Staff and Ex-Officio Members			
S. Bockmiller, Development Review Planner/Zoning Administrator	X		
M. Revilla, Recording Secretary	X		

Preliminary Matters -

Call to Order and Instructions from the Chair -

Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:37 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.

Amendment of Agenda -

Motion - Mr. Carroll made a motion to remove case number HDC 2024-01 from the agenda since the applicant withdrew the application. Mr. Powell seconded. The motion was passed with a vote of 4-0-0.

Approval of Minutes –

Approval of Minutes for meeting of January 25, 2024.

Motion - Mr. Carroll made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented with no changes. Mr. Powell. seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0-0.

Consent Agenda –

None.

Design Review -

HDC 2024-01 - 10-12 East Washington Street – Jeovanni Diaz – Windows & Doors. – This application was withdrawn by the applicant.

HDC 2023-54 - 811 The Terrace – Kathryn Kershner – Roof (tabled from January 25, 2024, meeting).

Ms. Kershner and her son Davis Kershner provided alternative roofing materials and the manufacture literature for the composite Brava Terracotta tile which they explained would cost much less than slate, or metal roofing. The Commission agreed the materials and design are similar in appearance to the original roof. Asphalt shingles are not acceptable according to the guidelines. The applicant requested to amend her application to reflect the alternative composite material instead of asphalt shingles.

Mr. Powell: "Madam Chair, I have reviewed the materials submitted in Case No. **HDC 2023-54**, and its associated staff report and recommendations, and I have viewed the property in question. The staff report recommends the disapproval of asphalt shingles and the acceptance of the Brava Spanish Barrell tile as consistent with the applicable standards adopted by this Commission, and no one 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 Certificates of Appropriateness to the applicant for Case No. **HDC 2023-54**

Workshops -

None.

New Business -

Mr. Powell stated there are bright blue painted skids on the Wells House property.

Old Business -

Updated Design Guidelines are expected to be distributed in late March or early April.

Announcements -

Mr. George announced a documentary about the Jonathan Street log cabin will be airing on public television.

Adjourn -

With no further discussion, Mr. Powell made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Carroll seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

2-22-24

Date Approved



Mary Revilla, Recording Secretary