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HAGERSTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

MINUTES

DATE: May 23, 2024 – 4:00 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 –

Michael Gehr called the meeting to order at 5:01 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 –

Approval of Minutes for meeting of April 11, 2024.

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

Consent Agenda –

HDC 2024-25 – 50 Summit Avenue – Mahesh Kumar – Ornamental Statues.

HDC 2024-24 – 50 Summit Avenue – Mahesh Kumar – Exterior Lighting.

Mr. Carroll: "Mr. Chairman, I have reviewed the materials submitted in Case No. HD-C2024-25, 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-2024-25," Mr. George seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0-0.

Design Review-**HDC 2024-24 – 50 Summit Avenue – Mahesh Kumar – Exterior Lighting.**

The applicant was present to answer the questions the Commission members had about the location of the lights, and if the conduit would be concealed? If they were designed by a light company? Who will be installing the lights? The applicant explained the light company will be installing the lights but did not design them and the conduit will be under the baluster out of sight. In addition, the applicant stated only on the sixth and seventh floor, the lights will change colors during different Holidays or seasons. Staff made the comment that the lights needed to illuminate the façade and not the sky according to the Architectural Design Guidelines.

Mr. Carroll: "Mr. Chairman, I have reviewed the materials submitted in Case No. HDC-2024-24, 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-2024-24," Mr. Sherman seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0-0.

Workshops-

Training.

The Commission would like to resume the conversation about training once Ms. Allen was present to provide additional information.

New Business-

None.

Old Business-

Preservation awards to be announced in June at the Mayor and Council meeting.

Announcements-

None.

Adjourn -

With no further discussion, Mr. Sherman made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Carroll seconded the motion, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.



Mary Revilla, Recording Secretary

Approved
6-27-24