



HAGERSTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

MINUTES

DATE May 8, 2025 – 4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Council Chambers, 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		
Michael Heyser	X		
Rich Owens	X		
Sven Alstrom	X		
Staff and Ex-Officio Members			
S. Bockmiller, Deputy Director Planner/Zoning Administration	X		
M. Revilla, Recording Secretary	X		

Preliminary Matters -

Call to Order and Instructions from the Chair –

Michael Gehr called the meeting to order at 4:42 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 meetings of March 27, 2025.

Ms. Allen moved to approve the minutes of March 27, 2025, without any changes. Mr. Powell seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-3. Mr. Heyser, Mr. Alstrom, and Mr. Owens abstained.

Consent Agenda –

HDC-2025-21 – 930 The Terrace – Sarah Wolfe – Fence.

HDC-2025-22 – 25 West Church Street – Jake Blackmon – Signage.

Motion – Mr. Carroll: " Mr. Chairman, I have reviewed the materials submitted in Cases **HDC-2025-21**, **HDC-2025-22**, and their associated staff reports and recommendations, and I have viewed the properties in question. The staff reports recommend approval of these applications as consistent with the applicable standards adopted by this Commission, and no one has appeared at this hearing concerning about or issues with, or objections to these applications. Therefore, I move that this Commission adopt the staff

evaluations and recommendations in these cases as its own and grant Certificates of Appropriateness to the applicants for Cases HDC-2025-21, HDC-2025-22." Ms. Allen seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

Design Review-

HDC-2025-19 – 49 Summit Avenue – Nicholas Natale – Temporary Window Decal.

The Commission had questions about the location of the temporary signage and its purpose. The Commission agreed that an approval of no more than 180 days would be acceptable.

Motion - Mr. Carroll" "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 materials are generally in harmony with the *Architectural Design Guidelines for the Downtown Historic Districts* and the character of the adjoining properties. Therefore, I move that the HDC grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for 180 days to the Applicant for Case No. HDC-2025-19" Mr. Powell seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

HDC-2025-20 – 15- West Washington Street – Sarah Rudy – Signage.

The applicant was not present for the meeting.

Motion - Mr. Powell moved to table this application until the next meeting on June 12, 2025. Mr. Owens seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

Workshops -

None.

New Business -

None.

Old Business -

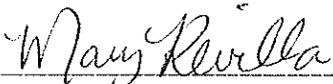
None.

Announcements -

None.

Adjourn -

With no further discussion, Ms. Allen made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Owens seconded the motion, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.


Mary Revilla, Recording Secretary

approved
7.24.25