



## HAGERSTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

### MINUTES

DATE June 12, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Council Chambers, City Hall Building

Attendance –

Name	In-Person	Remote	Absent
<b>Appointed Voting Members</b>			
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		
<b>Staff and Ex-Officio Members</b>			
S. Bockmiller, Deputy Director for Planning and Zoning Administration	X		
K. Broche, Planner	X		
M. Revilla, Recording Secretary	X		

Preliminary Matters -

Call to Order and Instructions from the Chair –

Michael Gehr called the meeting to order at 4:07 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.

Introduction of Kristian Broche, new Planner, and Tzivia Shwartz, summer intern. Valerie Feinberg has accepted the Senior Planner position and will start July 28, 2025.

Approval of Minutes –

None.

Consent Agenda –

HDC- 2025-25 – 15 West Washington Street – Sarah Rudy – Signage.

Motion – Mr. Powell:" Mr. Chairman, I have reviewed the materials submitted in Case **HDC-2025-25** , and the associated staff report and recommendations, and I have viewed the property in question. The staff report recommends approval of this applications as consistent with the applicable standards adopted by this Commission, and no one has appeared at this hearing concerns about or issues with, or objections to the application. Therefore, I move that this Commission adopt the staff evaluations and recommendations in the

case as its own and grant Certificates of Appropriateness to the applicant for Case HDC-2025-25," Mr. Owens seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

Design Review-

HDC- 2025-27 – 25 West Church Street – David Blackmon – Patio.

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.

David Blackmon of Marketplace LLC. was present to provide details regarding the size of the patio and the materials to be used.

The Commission had questions about whether or not the patio would be used for café seating, why the choice of PVC, and if it will be temporary.

In response, Mr. Blackmon responded stating there would be café seating on the patio, a Trex like material would be used as it would be durable and blend in more neutrally by using a light gray color. It will be a removable structure in order to restore the property back to it's original footprint if need be in the future.

Motion – Mr. Heyser, "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 and Architectural detailing* are generally in harmony with *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 to the Applicant for Case No. HDC-2025-27. Mr. Powell seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0.

Workshops -

None.

New Business -

None.

Old Business -

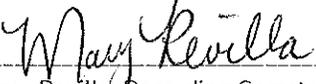
Mr. Bockmiller mentioned the Downtown Master Plan would be rolling out soon and Economic Development would like to extend an invitation to Planning Commission, Historic District Commission, and Board of Zoning Appeals to join Focas group meetings.

Announcements -

None.

Adjourn -

With no further discussion, Mr. Powell made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Owens seconded the motion, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

  
Mary Revilla, Recording Secretary  
approved 7-24-25