

Michael Gehr, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, 2013, in the Fourth Floor Conference Room, City Hall. A roster of the members of the commission and the technical posts they fill are on file and available upon request. Also present were commission members S. Dozier, V. Hrabal, and S. Silas. S. Bockmiller, Development Planner/Zoning Administrator; and D. Calhoun, Secretary, were present on behalf of the Planning and Code Administration Division. Councilmember P. Nigh was present on behalf of the Mayor and City Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 11, 2013.

The minutes were not ready for approval.

CONSENT AGENDA

120-128 West Washington Street - Board of County Commissioners - Emergency Generator, Case No. HDC 2013-16.

Mr. Bockmiller stated that the proposed generator is tucked way back and fairly invisible from public ways. It will be located against the Wareham Building parking deck. The generator would be marginally visible from Jonathan Street, approximately 200 feet away. No one was present at the meeting to oppose the consent agenda items, and there were no questions or concerns raised by the Historic District Commission.

MOTION: (Hrabal/Dozier) Mr. Chairman, I have reviewed the materials submitted in Case No. HDC 2013-16, 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 these applications. Therefore, I move that this commission adopt the staff evaluations and recommendations in this case as its own and grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to the applicant for Case No. HDC 2013-16.

DISCUSSION: None.

ACTION: APPROVED (Unanimous)

DESIGN REVIEW

None.

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WORKSHOP:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Bockmiller said in the course of its rehabilitation of 36-40 North Potomac Street, the City discovered problems with the roof. City staff had the roof replaced with a white rubber roof. Planning staff waived off on it since it is not visible except from the middle of the Central parking lot. Community Development staff wanted to make sure the HDC had no issues with the replacement. The only change was the color. The HDC had no issue with the replacement. No application will be required.
- The annual Preservation Awards will be made on Tuesday, May 21, at the Mayor and Council Workshop Meeting. The following projects will be recognized: Hagerstown First Hose Company; Rose Hill Cemetery; and the City's Community Development staff. (NOTE: After the meeting, 140 South Potomac Street was added to the list of recipients.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The state is updating its historic preservation plan and will be holding a public meeting on Wednesday, May 8, at the Women's Club on South Potomac Street from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Planning staff will be unable to attend because of a Planning Commission meeting at the same time.

ADJOURN: It was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn (4:15 p.m.).

5/23/2013

Date



Debra C. Calhoun - Secretary

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