

MINUTES

Easton Historic District Commission Easton, Maryland

October 8, 2012

Members Present: Kurt Herrmann, Chairman, Adam Theeke, Vice Chairman, Lena Gill, John Sener, and Mark Beck.

Absent: Robert Arnouts.

Mr. Herrmann called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
The minutes of the September 24th meeting were approved.

Opening statement given by the Chairman.

The Commission operates under the authority granted to it by section 701 of the Town of Easton Zoning Ordinance. And, I hereby open the record of the public hearing on cases heard this evening and, in accordance with our legal responsibilities, I enter into the record the following items: notice of the public hearing, adopted design guidelines, resumes of commission members and any consultants used by the Commission, records of any previous meetings, and any letters to the Commission on a case.

*The decisions of the HDC may be appealed within 30 days of approval.
General Order of the hearing of Applications*

- *Introduction of the application by the presiding officer*
- *Presentation by the applicant or his agent*
- *Questions by members of the Commission*
- *Public comment*
- *Petitioner rebuttal*
- *Discussion and consideration by the Commission*
- *Decision motion and statement of Basis for Decision*
- *The applicant may withdraw the application at any time up to when the vote is taken*

A Certificate of Appropriateness shall lapse upon the expiration of the corresponding Building Permit. For applications that require a building permit but for which none is issued, this Certificate of Appropriateness shall lapse six (6) months after its issuance. In the event a building permit is not required, the Certificate of Appropriateness shall lapse six (6) months from its issuance if substantial work is not underway. For good cause shown, this period may be extended by the Commission.

I will now entertain a motion to accept the agenda for this evening.

The agenda for the October 8, 2012 meeting was approved as amended (6-0).

Consent Docket Approvals - None

Staff Approvals - None

NEW BUSINESS:

19-2012 205 Goldsborough Street Lauren Dianich, Architect.

The applicant would like modify their previous approval by...

- 1.) Front Veranda on Goldsborough Street – Remove existing “colonial style” railing and replace with railing recreated from original Victorian pattern on North Porch.
- 2.) Front Veranda on Goldsborough Street – Add brick piers to either side of the front step. Add single metal handrail at each pier.
- 3.) East Elevation facing Thorogood Lane: Add skylight at lower roof. The skylight is not visible from Goldsborough Street.
- 4.) North Elevation – Retroactive approval to replace existing chimney with chimney built of brick in same position. While repairing interior firebox, unsafe flue conditions were found that lead to need to rebuild chimney entirely.
- 5.) North Elevation – Historically appropriate window has been included in upper right of north wing. Currently a small ill-proportioned hopper window exists in this location.

The Commission agreed the pickets on the front rail can be replaced, but the handrail will be kept in place.

Upon motion of Mrs. Gill, seconded by Mr. Sener the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the request as amended.

The application meets the Guidelines on Page 56, R3.

15-2012 12 Brookletts Avenue Cathie Liebl, Owner.

The applicant would like modify the previous application by deleting a window previously approved. The proposed window is located on the west side (rear). Upon motion of Mr. Beck, seconded by Mrs. Gill the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the application as submitted.

The application meets the Guidelines.

68-2012 32 N. Washington Street Kirk Ross, Tenant.

The applicant would like erect a new sign on the front of the building above the door. The Commission asked the applicant to return to them with an example of the type of light he proposes. Upon motion of Mr. Theeke, seconded by Mrs. Gill the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the sign as presented.

The application meets the Guidelines on Page 67, R1 & R2.

70-2012 9 A. Goldsborough Street Daniel Mhrasco, Tenant.

The applicant would like to erect one sign on an iron bracket above the entrance. The proposed sign was approved despite excessive wordiness, as the whole sign represented the applicant’s logo for his business. Upon motion of Mr. Theeke, seconded by Mr. Beck the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the application as submitted.

The application meets the Guidelines on Page 66, R2.

69-2012 140 S. Washington Street Dietrich, Owner.

The applicant would like to demolish the existing outbuilding on the rear of the property. Mr. Dietrich stated the shed is deteriorated and in disrepair. The Commission scheduled a site visit for Friday, October 12th at 8:30 a.m. Upon motion

of Mr. Theeke, seconded by Mr. Sener the Commission voted 5-0 to TABLE the application.

Items from Staff

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. by motion of Mr. Beck seconded by Mrs. Gill.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacie S. Rice
Planning Secretary