

MINUTES

Easton Historic District Commission Easton, Maryland

February 11, 2013

Members Present: Kurt Herrmann, Chairman, Adam Theeke, Vice Chairman, Mark Beck and Robert Arnouts.

Absent: Lena Gill.

Mr. Herrmann called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The minutes of the January 28th 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 February 11, 2013 meeting was approved (4-0).

Consent Docket Approvals - None

Staff Approvals – None

OLD BUSINESS:

15-2012 12 Brookletts Avenue Cathie Liebl, Owner.

The applicant is before the Commission with modifications to the previous approval. 1.) In place of the cedar shingles under the front porch she would like to put pierced brick due to termite

damage and moisture. 2.) In place of the black wrought iron hand rail she would like to put a white picket railing similar to others in the neighborhood and more appropriate with the age of the house.

Upon motion of Mr. Beck seconded by Mr. Theeke the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the application as submitted.

The application meets the Guidelines.

05-2013 214 Goldsborough Street John Ippolito, Owner.

This is the second meeting for this application. A site visit was held on Friday, February 1st, but due to the lack of attendance by the Commission the Commission would like to schedule another site visit. They are proposing to replace sixteen (16) windows on the second and third floors of the house. Mr. Ippolito stated they are replacing wood windows with wood windows and the trim will not be affected. The Commission stated that replacing sixteen windows is a major undertaking. Commission would like to see a drawing of each façade demonstrating which windows are to be replaced. Upon motion of Mr. Beck, seconded by Mr. Arnouts the Commission voted 4-0 to Table the application.

01-2013 31 S. Locust Street Ronnie Newnam, Representative for owner.

Applicant Ronnie Newnam is back before the Commission with a request to demolish the existing building. Mr. Herrmann read into the record a letter received from Professor, Dale Green regarding preserving the property. Mr. Newnam stated the owner has no intentions or fixing up the existing property. The Commission scheduled a site visit for Friday, February 15th at 9:45 to look at the existing condition of the house. Upon motion of Mr. Beck, seconded by Mr. Arnouts the Commission voted 4-0 to Table the application.

NEW BUSINESS:

07-2013 22 A. Harrison Street Pama Morrow, Tenant.

Ms. Morrow would like to erect a new sign above the existing storefront (bay window). The sign would be wooden and hand painted by the applicant. Upon motion of Mr. Theeke, seconded by Mr. Arnouts the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the application as submitted.

The application meets the Guidelines.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. by motion of Mr. Arnouts seconded by Mr. Theeke.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacie S. Rice
Planning Secretary