

MINUTES

Easton Historic District Commission Easton, Maryland

November 9, 2015

Members Present: Kurt Herrmann, Chairman, Adam Theeke, Robert Arnouts, Kevin Gibson, and Bill Wieland. **Members Absent:** George Koste.

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

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 meeting was approved as prepared.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the October 26th minutes as presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

52-2015

41 E. Dover St.

Rhonda Richardson, Tenant.

Ms. Richardson with Benson and Mangold was before the Commission regarding a new sign which has been installed. Sign is 14" x 30" and hangs from a black metal bracket. The sign meets the guidelines.

Upon motion of Mr. Gibson seconded by Mr. Theeke the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the application as submitted.

63-2015 113 A. Dover Street Georgeanne Pinkard, Tenant.

No one was present at the meeting. The Commission felt they could review the proposed sign. The applicant is requesting to install a two-sided sign (28" x 36") which is to hang from an existing post and bracket. Sign material is ½" thick pvc. Mr. Wieland had concerns with the amount of signage on the site. He was concerned with the small sandwich board sign that is on-site and used as a sign. He asked the Town look into the number of signs permitted.

Upon motion of Mr. Wieland seconded by Mr. Arnouts the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the application as submitted.

65-2015 201 & 205 Goldsborough Street Amy Hanes, Owner, Charles Goebel, Architect.

Mr. Goebel, Architect and Amy Hanes, Owner were present at the meeting. Mr. Goebel is proposing to 1.) Demolition of obsolete, non-contributing accessory building at the rear of 205 Goldsborough Street and replacement with new combined garage/greenhouse 2.) Deck connection between residence and new garage/greenhouse 3.) Relocation and restoration of accessory building from 201 to 205 Goldsborough with hyphen-attachment to new garage/greenhouse. This accessory building requires a new foundation (as well as other repairs) but they do not plan to demolish. 4.) Garden paths and walks 5.) Extensive additional tree, shrub and ground cover plantings 6.) Fenced kitchen garden adjacent to North Street. The landscape designer explained that landscaping and details. The applicant is to provide additional information on the garden paths/walks and fenced kitchen/garden fence on North Street.

Upon motion of Mr. Wieland seconded by Mr. Gibson the Commission voted 6-0 to approve the demolition of the obsolete accessory building, deck connection between residences, relocation and restoration of accessory building from 201 to 205 Goldsborough Street, addition of new foundation and front landscaping as shown on plans.

64-2015 204 Earle Avenue Larry Willis, Contractor.

Mr. Willis was present at the meeting. Mr. Willis is proposing to remove 2 existing casement windows and one 2868 exterior door and relocate the door opening and use a new 2868 hinged door and reuse the existing storm door. Mr. Willis amended the application to delete the door request and stated he will come back at a later date. He is proposing to install two cx15 Andersen 400 series casement units as shown on drawings. He is also proposing to remove the old trellis ledger and will need to relocate the vent to a higher location to accommodate new range hood. Mr. Willis explained to the Commission that the existing handrail at the front of the house has been removed. He would like to install a new handrail but didn't have the specifications on the railing. The Commission advised Mr. Willis to construct a temporary railing until they have had an opportunity to review the new railing.

Upon motion of Mr. Gibson seconded by Mr. Arnouts the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the removal of two sets of casement windows on East elevation, add two new windows within corner +/- 8".

Respectfully submitted,

Stacie S. Rice
Planning Secretary