

MINUTES

Easton Historic District Commission Easton, Maryland September 12, 2016

Members Present: Kurt Herrmann, Chairman, Robert Arnouts, Kevin Gibson, Kelly Pezor, Bill Wieland, Kevin Bateman.

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

70-2016 8 Brookletts Avenue. Harriett Page, Owner.

Ms. Page was before the Commission with a request to replace the existing wooden fence with vinyl. She stated she has been looking into cedar but a final decision hasn't been made. Ms. Page is proposing that new fence be located on the same footprint with a different design. Ms. Page stated that the current fence blocks the sun and is proposing a different fence to allow more light into the yard. The Commission stated that vinyl would not be appropriate style of fence. The Commission suggested cedar fencing.

Upon motion of Mr. Wieland seconded by Mr. Gibson the Commission voted 6-0 to approve the location of the proposed fence as shown on site plan provided by the owner, with the understanding that the fence be cedar.

73-2016 22 N. Harrison Street Jessica Becker, Tenant.

Ms. Becker was before the Commission with a request to install a new hanging sign. Proposed sign to hang from a wrought iron bracket on front porch. Proposed sign to be wood 18" x 18".

Upon motion of Mr. Gibson seconded by Mr. Wieland the Commission voted 6-0 to approve the application as submitted.

71-2016 421 August Street Trevor Newcomb, Owner.

Mr. Newcomb was before the Commission with a request to construct an 8' x 8' wood framed shed. Proposed siding to be board and batten or site ripped 8" lap (painted to match house). Proposed roofing material to be metal (corrugated) or architectural to match the house. Mr. Newcomb is proposing to install one new reclaimed door and one reclaimed window (barn style) on the shed.

Upon motion of Mr. Wieland seconded by Mr. Bateman the Commission voted 6-0 to approve the application as submitted.

There being no further business the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacie S. Rice
Planning Secretary