

MINUTES

Easton Historic District Commission Easton, Maryland

August 14, 2017

Members Present: Kurt Herrmann, Chairman, Kelly Pezor, Vice Chairman, Bill Wieland, Kevin Bateman, Kevin Gibson and George Koste.

Members Absent: Robert Arnouts.

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 August 14, 2017 meeting was approved. The Commission approved the July 24th Minutes as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

44-2017 304 Winton Avenue Karen Schlesinger, Owner.

Mr. and Mrs. Schlesinger were before the Commission with a request to...

- 1.) Replacement of rotted porch boards on front and back porch. Existing boards are painted fir. Proposed new boards would be Azek composite tongue and groove in dark brown color.

Existing porch structure will be elevated once exposed and repaired/replaced as necessary. *The back porch is to be Azek flooring. The front porch is to be wood. Skirt/band boards may be Boral or similar.*

- 2.) Replacement of existing double hung single over single windows and metal storm windows with new Andersen Woodright 400 Series double hung single over single windows in white. All trim will be replaced with white composite. Trim dimensions and profiles will remain the same. *The applicant is to provide a cut-sheet on the windows. The Commission voted unanimously to table this request.*
- 3.) Remove existing aluminum siding and sheathing, install new insulation and sheathing. Install new Hardie shingle. All corner boards, door trim, roof trim and porch to be trimmed in white composite. *The Commission asked that the corner boards/trim be Boral or similar and a minimum of 5/4" x 4".*
- 4.) Structural repair is required to repair termite damage to the 6x6 sill plate on the north west corner of the house.

Upon motion of Mr. Gibson seconded by Mr. Bateman the Commission voted 6-0 to approve the application as stated above.

45-2017 36 S. Washington Street Justin Butler, Representative.

Mr. Butler was before the Commission with a request install a new hanging sign on the front of the building. Mr. Butler stated that the sign would be wood and be approximately 48" x 41.5". The sign will be hung from the front porch from two (2) pre-existing sign mounts. Mr. Butler stated that the sign will be taken down each evening for the fear of vandalism.

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

Discussion Only Corner of Port & West Streets John Miller.

Jessica Laurence and John Miller with Flywheel Development were before the Commission to discuss a future housing project at the corner of Port and West Streets. Mr. Miller explained the proposed architecture for the proposed units and asked for the Commission's feedback. Mr. Miller is to submit a formal application at a later date.

Discussion Only Talbot County Women's Club Edith Humphreys.

Edith Humphreys, President of the Talbot County Women's Club explained that renovations need to be done to the building and is looking for suggestions on grants and rehabilitation resources that are available. She stated they are working to get grants and asked the Commission for a letter of recommendation for the grants. The Commission agreed to write the Club a letter.

Respectfully submitted,



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Planning Secretary