

# MINUTES

## **Easton Historic District Commission Easton, Maryland**

**September 23, 2013**

**Members Present:** Kurt Herrmann, Chairman, Adam Theeke, Lena Gill, Kevin Gibson, Robert Arnouts, Mark Beck and 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 September 23, 2013 meeting was approved.

The Commission voted to approve the minutes from the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting as presented.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **71-2013                      14 N. Washington Street   Stein Olavsrud, Owner.**

The applicant wants to remove the existing display window left of the entrance and expand the patio with stone to match existing. The entrance doors and surrounding wall will be replaced with a wooden, folding door/wall system consistent with the look and design of Scossa Restaurant down the street. The exposed left wall will be brought back to existing brick.

Upon motion by Mr. Beck, seconded by Mrs. Gill, the Commission voted to approve the application as submitted, as the design was determined to cause no harm to the historical context and would enhance the streetscape significantly.

**72-2013      18&21 Hanson St., 30 Goldsborough St, and 26 N. Washington Street      Michael Whitehair of Oxford Commercial, Property Managers.**

The applicant wants to install a sign, reading "Managed by Oxford Commercial, LLC", at each one of the above locations in accordance with Ordinance 1101.6.A (3)(e).

Upon a motion by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Arnouts, the Commission moved to approve the application with modifications mentioned at the meeting such as not locating the sign on a molding, locating it relatively low down on a building and perhaps lining it up with an edge etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. by motion of Mr. Herrmann seconded by Mr. Theeke.

Respectfully submitted,

Lena Gill  
Commissioner