



# CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

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## HAGERSTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

### MINUTES

DATE: May 9, 2024 – 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Room 407, City Hall Building

#### Attendance –

Name	In-Person	Remote	Absent
<b>Appointed Voting Members</b>			
Michael Gehr, Chairperson	X		
Leslie Allen, Vice Chairperson			X
Robert Powell	X		
W. Douglas Carroll	X		
Christopher George			X
Glen Grant			X
Matthew Sherman	X		
<b>Staff and Ex-Officio Members</b>			
S. Bockmiller, Development Review Planner/Zoning Administrator	X		
M. Revilla, Recording Secretary	X		

#### Preliminary Matters -

##### Call to Order and Instructions from the Chair –

Michael Gehr called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m. Attendance of members and staff are reflected in the chart above. The Chair read the standard public instructions regarding order of business into the record.

##### Approval of Minutes –

None.

##### Agenda Modification -

Motion – Mr. Carroll: "Mr. Chairman I make a motion to case HDC- 2024-19 from design review to consent agenda and HDC- 2024-24 from consent agenda to design review". Mr. Sherman seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-0.

##### Consent Agenda –

HDC 2024-19 – 908 The Terrace – David Leaman – Deck.

HDC 2024-20 – 234 North Potomac Street – WLR Property Management – Fence.

HDC 2024-22 – 105 East North Avenue – Michael DelVecchio – Fence.

Motion - Mr. Carroll: "Mr. Chairman, I have reviewed the materials submitted in Cases - HDC 2024-19, HDC 2024-20, HDC 2024-22, and their associated staff reports and recommendations, and I have viewed the properties in question. The staff reports recommend approval of these applications as consistent with the applicable standards adopted by this Commission, and no one has appeared at this hearing with concerns about issues with, or objections to, these applications. Therefore, I move that this Commission adopt the staff evaluations and recommendations in these cases as its own and grant Certificates of Appropriateness to the applicants for Cases HDC 2024-19, HDC 2024-20, HDC 2024-22."

Mr. Sherman seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-0.

#### Design Review -

**HDC 2024-21 – 7 East Washington Street – Venturi Restoration – Dumpster enclosure.**

The proposed enclosure is an 8-foot metal chain link fence with rigid vinyl slats. The Guidelines recommend wooden enclosures, however there are other chain link enclosures in the area and has no impact on the historic nature of the building.

Tion Davis of ATI Restoration was present to answer the questions that the Commission had regarding the exact location of the dumpster as well as the material being used for the slats.

Motion – Mr. Carroll: "Mr. Chairman, I have inspected the project plans and the property in question, and if constructed in accordance with these plans, the project is compatible with the character of the Historic district for the reason that in so much there are already dumpsters with like screening and its generally in harmony with general character of the adjoining properties. Therefore, I move that the HDC grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to the Applicant for Case No. HDC 2024-21." Mr. Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-0.

**HDC 2024-25 - 50 - Summit Avenue- Mahesh Kumar – Ornamental Statues.**

**HDC 2024-24- 50 - Summit Avenue- Mahesh Kumar – Exterior Lighting.**

The applicant was not present for the meeting.

Motion – Mr. Powell: "Mr. Chairman, I move that we table HDC 2024-24 and HDC- 2024-25 until the next meeting on May 23, 2024." Mr. Sherman seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-0.

#### Workshops -

None.

#### New Business -

None.

#### Old Business -

Preservation month awards will be at the Mayor and Council's evening meeting on May 28, 2024.

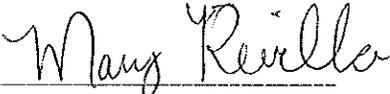
Design Guidelines draft may be handed out (tentatively) at the next meeting.

Announcements -

None.

Adjourn -

With no further discussion, Mr. Powell made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Carroll seconded the motion, the meeting adjourned at 4:27 P.M.

  
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Mary Revilla, Recording Secretary  
approved 6-13-24