

**Historic District Commission
MINUTES**

**February 14, 2019
City of Hagerstown, Maryland**

Michael Gehr, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. on Thursday, February 14, 2019, in the Conference Room, Fourth Floor, City Hall. A roster of the members of the commission and the technical posts they fill are on file and available upon request. Also present were commission members L. Allen, R. Powell, and M. Wertman. S. Bockmiller, Development Planner/Zoning Administrator; M. Flick, Planner; and D. Calhoun, Secretary, were present on behalf of the Planning and Code Administration Department.

Mr. Gehr welcomed new commission member, Robert Powell.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 31, 2019.

MOTION: (Wertman/Allen) I move we approve.
DISCUSSION: None.
ACTION: APPROVED (Unanimous)

CONSENT AGENDA

None.

DESIGN REVIEW

9-9½ West Franklin Street – WLR Property Management/Dori Carr – Window Replacement, Case No. HDC 2019-06.

Kim Ewing, WLR Property Management, 1313 Orchard Way, Frederick, Maryland, was present.

Staff Report: This building is a B resource in the Downtown Local Historic District. The applicant proposes to install 16 Viwinco Cambridge one-over-one, double-hung, white vinyl windows on the front elevation and 11 Energy King white vinyl replacement windows on the rear of the building. These window models have been approved by the Commission in the past. Staff recommended approval of the application. Given the time period of this building and its architecture, its original windows likely were one-over-one as well.

Applicant/Commission Discussion: Ms. Ewing stated that the Cambridge units were used on their buildings at 49 North Potomac Street and 15 West Franklin Street. They used the Energy King windows on the rear sides of these buildings.

MOTION: (Wertman/Allen) 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 district for the reason that the

windows will match what was there in the past and are generally in harmony with the Architectural Design Guidelines for the Downtown Historic District and the character of the adjoining properties. Therefore, I move that the HDC grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to the applicant for Case No. HDC 2019-06.

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

APPROVED (Unanimous)

1100 Hamilton Boulevard – Stephen Sagi – Roof Replacement and Porch Crown Moulding Replacement, Case No. HDC 2019-07.

Stephen Sagi, 10028 Old National Pike, Hagerstown, owner of the property, was present.

Staff Report: This building is a B resource in the Oak Hill Local Historic District. The applicant proposes to remove slate tiles on the west and south sides of the roof and replace them with three-tab GAF Royal Sovereign asphalt shingles in “Slate” to match existing slate shingles. The porch crown moulding is damaged and will be replaced in kind with wood moulding from Hicksville Lumber. Staff recommended approval. The wood crown moulding shall be painted or stained. Staff also noted that the HDC has a history of approving asphalt shingles to replace slate roofing tiles.

Applicant/Commission Discussion: Mr. Sagi stated that Hicksville Lumber is able to reproduce the wood crown moulding. He noted that if he cannot match the existing roof shingles, all four sides will be replaced. Since the owner’s plan is to sell this house, Mr. Bockmiller requested that the new owners be informed that this property is in a historic district. Ms. Allen suggested that the commission give staff authority to approve a change in the color of the shingles if necessary.

MOTION:

(Wertman/Powell) 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 district for the reasons that the new roofing material will be matched as close as possible to the roofing material that is still in good condition that is still on the roof on the other two sides that are not being replaced and the trim will be replaced in-kind and it will all generally be in harmony with the Architectural Design Guidelines for the Residential Preservation Design District and the character of the adjoining properties. Therefore, I move the HDC grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to the applicant for Case No. 2019-07.

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

APPROVED (Unanimous)

WORKSHOPS

433 North Potomac Street – Meredith and Ed Williams – Replacement Windows.

At the request of the owners, this matter was postponed until the February 28 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Planning Commission is helping to coordinate a workshop in Hagerstown sometime this fall. Some of the topics may be of interest to HDC members.

OLD BUSINESS

- Ms. Allen questioned where storm windows are addressed in the Design Guidelines. Storm windows are beneficial because they protect historic wood windows.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Bockmiller announced that the Mayor and Council have selected this year's honorees for the Circle of Honor at Memorial Park. Ann Carol Fitzhugh Smith and Florence McMichael McCoy will be recognized on Saturday, May 18.
- The statue of Thomas Kennedy will be dedicated and unveiled at a ceremony in the spring.

ADJOURN

It was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn (4:55 p.m.).

2/28/2019

Approved



Debra C. Calhoun – Secretary