

**Historic District Commission
MINUTES**

**March 14, 2013
City of Hagerstown, Maryland**

Michael Gehr, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2013, in the Fourth Floor Conference Room, 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 S. Dozier, V. Hrabal, and S. Silas. S. Bockmiller, Development Planner/Zoning Administrator; and D. Calhoun, Secretary, were present on behalf of the Planning and Code Administration Division. Councilmember P. Nigh was present on behalf of the Mayor and City Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 14, 2013, and February 28, 2013.

MOTION: (Hrabal/Silas) Mr. Chairman, I move that we accept the minutes as presented for February 14, 2013, and February 28, 2013.
DISCUSSION: None.
ACTION: APPROVED (Unanimous)

CONSENT AGENDA

140 South Potomac Street - Dean Martin for Draper & McGinley, P. A. - Sign and Grant, Case No. HDC 2013-08.

35 North Potomac Street - Kerry's Hair & Day Spa - Sign and Grant, Case No. HDC 2013-09.

36-40 North Potomac Street - City of Hagerstown - Replacement Windows, Case No. HDC 2013-10.

For the record, Scott Bowen, architect for the project at 36-40 North Potomac Street, stated that the City would like to replace the existing vinyl siding on the second floor rear with Hardiplank siding; and on the third floor rear facade, cover the painted brick with Hardiplank. They do not believe the existing brick could be adequately patched since some of the windows on the third floor will be closed in.

There was no one present at the meeting to oppose the consent agenda items, and there were no questions or concerns raised by the Historic District Commission.

MOTION: (Silas/Hrabal) Mr. Chairman, I have reviewed the materials submitted in Case Nos. HDC 2013-08, 2013-09, 2013-10, and grant applications for 2013-08 and 2013-09, and their associated staff reports and recommendations. I have viewed the properties in question. The staff

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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 the commission adopt the staff evaluations and recommendations in these cases as its own and grant Certificates of Appropriateness to the applicants for Cases HDC 2013-08, 2013-09, and 2013-10, and grant applications for Case Nos. HDC 2013-08 and 2013-09. Additionally, 2013-10 has a change in material to the second floor. The vinyl siding will be removed on the second floor and Hardiplank will be replacing the second and third floors.

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

APPROVED (Unanimous)

DESIGN REVIEW

None.

WORKSHOP:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- May is historic preservation month. No awards were given last year. Staff reviewed cases for 2012 and several projects stood out for possible recognition: 1) the City's project at 36 -40 North Potomac Street; 2) the First Hose Fire Company's project at 31-33 South Potomac Street; and 3) 102 South Prospect Street.

Staff asked commission members to think of other projects in the City (in or out of the historic districts) where a project was completed with historic preservation in mind. Staff will present a slate for consideration at the April 11 meeting.

- The City of Hagerstown is in the process of purchasing the building that currently houses the Potomac Bead Company on West Washington Street and the vacant building to the east. Current plans are to stabilize the building and tear down a rear addition, and then turn the buildings over to two separate property owners. The City is pursuing grant funding, so the project will be reviewed by the Maryland Historical Trust. The demolition

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is proposed for the smaller section behind the courtyard.

- Ms. Hrabal reported that the convenience store at the corner of North Potomac and East Franklin Streets has installed another temporary banner on the building. They took the first banner down and replaced it with this one. Mr. Bockmiller said he will look into it.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

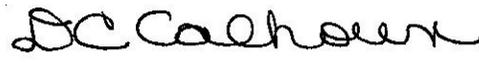
ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURN: It was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn (4:46 p.m.).

4/11/2013

Date



Debra C. Calhoun - Secretary