

SYKESVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

MINUTES OF STATED MEETING

January 24, 2006

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT:

Pat Greenwald, Vice Chair
Phil Brubaker
Paul Esposito, Jr.
Russ Vreeland
Adam Hall

ABSENT:

Susan Catling, Ombudsman
Pam Graham

GUESTS:

Kari Greenwalt, Museum Director
Matthew H. Candland, Town Manager
Damien Pendrotti, Asher Bartos Advertising, Applicant
Norma Jean Swam, Carroll County Historic Preservation Committee
Joan Davis, Resident, Applicant
Howard Saslow, Resident, Applicant

The regular meeting called to order by Vice Chair Greenwald at 7:05 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Sykesville Town House. The Pledge of Allegiance recited.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

05-24 Ashor Bartos 7533 Main Street signage

Ms. Bartos was in attendance to explain this application. The commission has had an opportunity to look at the placement of the sign. This application does not really fit into any of the guidelines. Pat made a comment to keep in mind that the applicant is a graphics design company and they would like to keep the edge in their sign. The applicant stated that the sign was more for directional purposes; many of their clients cannot find them. The commission does not have any recommended changes. Pat Greenwald instructed Ms. Bartos that in the future they are to submit an application to the commission prior to doing the work. Paul Esposito made a motion that the application be approved as submitted. Adam seconded. All in favor.

06-01 Howard Saslow(HCH) 7518 Main Street raze old/new

Mr. Saslow was in attendance to explain application. He stated that he was just seeking a preliminary approval and suggestions before excessive money is spent for the actual building. The new building will compliment the existing building that he is currently building. He did ask for approval to raze the "lean to" that is on the back of the building at the above address. More discussion about concerns of the commission those being the amount of stories that the building will have and the parking issue. Matt Candland stated that the council is aware of the situation and trying to make parking in every available spot. Some commission members are concerned with the height of the building dwarfing the original Jazzbo's building. Mr. Saslow explained that the lien to on the back of the building is not original and it actually takes away from the building. More comments were made about the "looks" of the building, complimenting Howard on the design. Paul Esposito made a motion that the application for the razing of the addition on the building be accepted. Adam seconded. All in favor. The new construction part of

the application was tabled until a later date, Howard will go back and make suggested changes and come before the commission at that time.

06-02 Joan Davis 7323 Springfield Avenue New oil tank

Ms. Davis was in attendance to explain her application. This was an emergency replacement. Her old one had been there since the house was built and it stopped working. She also explained that she would be using latticework to enclose the tank so it is not so noticeable. Paul Esposito made a motion that the application be approved as submitted. Adam seconded. All in favor.

REVIEW OF TAX CREDIT APPLICATIONS

No applications submitted for approval

WARFIELD PROJECT UPDATE

Matt gave a brief update on the Intersection and Warfield Complex renovations stating that both are moving along very well and are on schedule.

SHDC MINUTES

Minutes of November 22, 2005 were accepted as part of public record as submitted

FINANCIAL REPORTS

TOWN BUDGET ACCOUNTS

Financial reports were approved as submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Gate House:

Kari Greenwalt updated the commission on the progress of the repairs being made. She also informed us that a new exhibit would be going up soon. She touched base on the Spring History Walk. Thelma Wimmer Day is April 2, 2006. The organization work at the Gate House is still in the works and progressing very well. Jim Purman is doing very well.

School House:

There is a lot of activity there. Things are progressing again and she is very excited. She has some speaking engagements scheduled with various organizations and she also stated that she has received many donations for her "wish List." No progress on the grant application from Wal-Mart, she doesn't think that is a good sign. Calls continue to come in about tours, etc. She continues to look for avenues to bring in some monies.

BUSINESS

1. **Review of Historic District Guidelines:**
 Landscaping:
 Demolition By Neglect:
2. **Certified Local Government:** Nothing new to report.
3. **Continuing/Community Education:** Nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS- no old business to discuss

NEW BUSINESS-

- Norma Jean Swan, Chair of the Carroll County Historic Commission, was in

attendance to ask for permission to conduct a House Tour in the town of Sykesville. She would like for the profits from the tour to go directly to the Black Schoolhouse. This tour will take place on Saturday, April 22, 2006. The CC Historic Commission will take care of all the footwork, advertising, etc. Town will have to collect monies up front using a 501C3 Corporation. Houses will be different then the houses that are being seen in December for the Christmas House Tour that is sponsored by the Gate House Museum. There was some discussion on houses to use. There was also some discussion on the possibility of having this House Tour in 2007. Paul made a motion that the commission supports the tour with the stipulations that were made, including staff responsibilities, etc. Phil Brubaker seconded. All in favor.

Commission member Paul Esposito made a motion to close session at 8:35 pm.

Motion was seconded. All in favor. Those in attendance were Town Manager Matthew H. Candland, Commission members Esposito, Vreeland, Brubaker, Hall, Greenwald, and Lorie Sanders. Items discussed were the recommendation of new commission member and Shaw case.

Paul Esposito motioned to reopen the meeting at 8:55 pm. Motion was seconded. All in favor.

Pat made mention about the preservation conference and asked if anyone was interested. The dates are May 18, and 19, 2006. Four persons are interested in attending.

Adjourn Session: There being no further business, Mr. Esposito made a **Motion** to adjourn. The **Motion** carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lorie A. Sanders, Recording Secretary