

SYKESVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

MINUTES OF STATED MEETING

March 28, 2006

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT:

Jonathan Caplan, Commission Chair
Pat Greenwald, Vice Chair
Pam Graham
Russ Vreeland, Council Liaison
Adam Hall
Paul Esposito, Jr.
Phil Brubaker

ABSENT:

GUESTS:

Kari Greenwalt, Museum Director
Mary Lou Leidig, Resident
Kelly Lindsey, Guest, Real Estate Agent

The regular meeting called to order by Chair Jonathan Caplan at 7:07 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Sykesville Town House. The Pledge of Allegiance recited.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

06-06 Town of Sykesville 7520 Main Street Park-lot lights

Matthew H. Candland was in attendance to explain this application. He explained where the lights were being purchased, the amount of lights that we were receiving, the amount of lights that were going to be placed on the parking lot and the actual placement of those lights. More discussion on the repainting and repairing of these lights to be done by our maintenance department and that is should be able to be done fairly inexpensively. More discussion. Phil Brubaker made a motion to approve the application as submitted. Pam Graham seconded. All in favor.

06-07 Charles Yaeger 7407 Springfield Avenue renovations

Mr. Yaeger was in attendance to explain the application. He stated that the windows that were in the house were in disrepair. The ones that were repairable were destroyed when removing. Extensive discussion about the windows. Several concerns about the design and matching of the windows to the house structure. Mr. Yaeger stated that he was not aware that the house was in the historic district and that there were guidelines that needed to be followed. The commission made it perfectly clear that finances are not something that they can base their decisions on. There are tax credit and grants that are available to them. It was also stated that it is the homeowner's responsibility to find out about the ordinances, etc. Commission would like to come to some kind of compromise within the guidelines. Mr. Yaeger stated that he is not sure how he will continue to repair the house or if he will. Paul Esposito made a motion that we declare this application incomplete for the following items and suggested that the applicants be put in touch with the SHDC Ombudsman, SHDC Chair or Town Manager for guidance. Pam Graham seconded the motion. All in favor.

06-08 Prevost Insurance 7520(103) Main Street Signage

Amy Prevost was in attendance to explain this application. Some discussion on the design being original and not nationally recognized. Also some discussion on the area that is going to be kept within the 15% of the window according to the guidelines. It will be painted and not vinyl. Color cannot be dictated. Paul Esposito made a Motion to accept application as submitted. Adam Hall seconded. All in favor.

06-09 Town of Sykesville Warfield Complex (Lane) Demolition

Matthew H. Candland was in attendance to explain this application. Matt stated that the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) would not designate the Lane building as historical. The National Historical Trust (NHT) was also approached and they could not find justification to designate it a historical building. The commission would like to see some kind of documentation that neither the MHT nor NHT designate this building as historical. Paul Esposito made a motion that this application be declared as an incomplete application until the above-mentioned documentation is submitted. Adam Hall seconded. All in favor.

REVIEW OF TAX CREDIT APPLICATIONS

No applications submitted for approval

WARFIELD PROJECT UPDATE

Things are still moving along as scheduled.

SHDC MINUTES

Minutes of February 28, 2006 were accepted as part of public record as submitted.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

TOWN BUDGET ACCOUNTS

Reports were accepted as submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Gate House:

Kari brought the SHDC up to date on the events for the Gatehouse, stating that Thelma Wimmer Day was going to be rescheduled to Sunday, May 7, 2006. Ms Wimmer was re-cooperating from a recent fall. Exhibit is going on as scheduled. Future events are as scheduled. New Computer is in...YEA. New security system has been installed and working well.

School House:

There is still a lot of activity there. Things are progressing and she is very excited. Sun Nursery gave Pat a discount on the Oak Tree and also made a donation of several other shrubs. Matt stated that the physical repairs and interior work are back on track.

BUSINESS

1. **Review of Historic District Guidelines:**

Landscaping: Guidelines are ready to be distributed. Jonathan Caplan will write a letter from the Chair to add to the packages that will be mailed out to all the homeowner's and businesses in the Historic District.

Demolition By Neglect: nothing new to report

2. **Certified Local Government:** Nothing new to report.

3. **Continuing/Community Education:** See schoolhouse report.

OLD BUSINESS-

- House Tour participation is not where we would like it to be. Lorie Sanders will touch base with Norma Jean Swam to get an update.
- Preservation Conference was discussed and people interested will sign up and turn in receipts to Lorie Sanders for reimbursement.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Paula Leidig was in attendance at this meeting. She was here for some “guidance”. She lives at 7415 Spout Hill Road. She is repairing, replacing, and renovating this house. She came before the SHDC several months ago for all of the work and was approved. She then went to Home Depot to order windows and explained exactly what she needed and when home depot ordered it they assured her it was what she needed. When the window arrived it was incorrect. It was stated to her that the window did not have any metal on it as required in our guidelines, when it arrived it had metal on it. She would like some ideas or help on how to deal with this issue. Matthew H. Candland and Adam Hall stated that they would make some phone calls and help her when she goes back to Home Depot to approach them about the possibility of getting this window returned.

Adjourn Session: There being no further business, Pam Graham made a **Motion** to adjourn. The **Motion** carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lorie A. Sanders, Recording Secretary