

SYKESVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

MINUTES OF STATED MEETING

Original Date of Meeting: December 26, 2006

Rescheduled Date: January 2, 2007

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Jonathan Caplan, Chair
Russ Vreeland, Council Liaison
Adam Hall
Paul Esposito, Jr
Pam Graham
Paul Mason

ABSENT:

Pat Greenwald, Vice Chair

GUESTS:

Brett Geiman, Resident, Applicant
Howard Colson, Resident, Applicant
Craig Taylor, Business Owner, Representing Mr. Greenberg
Matthew Candland, Town Manager
Kari Greenwalt, Gate House Director

The regular meeting called to order by Chair Jonathan Caplan at 7:04 p.m. in the Sykesville Town House conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Mr. Caplan introduced and welcomed Mr. Paul Mason as our new commission member.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

06-27 Howard Colson 7509 Norwood Avenue Tree Removal

Mr. Colson was in attendance to explain this application. Matthew Candland did meet with Mr. Colson prior to him applying to the commission. The tree is uprooting from the ground and is in danger of coming down completely. Paul Esposito made a motion to approve this application as submitted. Pam Graham seconded and all were in favor.

06-26 Brett Geiman 643 Oklahoma Road Retaining Wall

Mr. Geiman was in attendance to explain this application. There was some discussion on the type of interlocking block that he is using. He also stated that he wanted to extend the wall to the door on the side of the house and also provide some off street parking. Pam Graham made a motion to approve application as submitted. Paul Esposito seconded and all were in favor.

06-23 Bruce Greenberg 7543 Main Street Front Door

Mr. Greenberg did have representation at this meeting. Mr. Craig Taylor was in attendance to explain this application. There was some discussion. The commission still has a concern with the height and transition of the sidewalk. They are concerned that it will cause a tripping hazard. Matthew Candland made a suggestion that Mr. Greenberg meet with himself and our town engineer, Mr. Bob Bond, to confirm that this will be addressed. Lorie Sanders will make that suggestion in his approval letter. Mr. Paul Esposito made a motion to approve application as submitted. Motion was seconded. All were in favor.

REVIEW OF TAX CREDIT APPLICATIONS

No applications submitted for approval

WARFIELD PROJECT UPDATE

Lights and landscaping are complete and Nexion and Carroll County Dance are in. Other parts of the intersection and buildings are progressing according to schedule. The commission would like to get some information on taking a tour of the refurbished buildings.

SHDC MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Town Budget Accounts

No reports for record

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Gate House:

Kari stated that the World War II dance went well. The Historic House Tour did not net the monies that she was hoping. She felt it was due to the fact that there were several house tours in the area. She also stated that Jaime's last day was January 2, 2007 and that in the next couple weeks she would be advertising for a curator. Matt stated that the Howard County lease for the Apple Butter Warehouse is very close to being complete.

School House:

Nothing to report this month.

BUSINESS

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

OLD BUSINESS-

- Kevin's Katering update- the original garage door has been replaced. No further follow up is needed
- Pam Graham expressed a concern that the neon open sign that is displayed in the Dunn Rite Furniture window is not within the guidelines. There was some discussion that it was displayed pre-Historic District Commission. Kari Greenwalt will check the Gate House picture inventory for possible year that the sign was displayed and get back to the HDC.
- Adam would like to have Fred Gossage's application checked for possible removal of arch above windows.

NEW BUSINESS-

- Paul Esposito made a suggestion that we remove the two agenda items under business (Guidelines and CLG), since they are no longer discussed at the meetings. He also would like to see Continuing/Community Education in the Schoolhouse Report.

- Updated address and telephone list

Adjourn Session: There being no further business, Paul Esposito made a **Motion** to adjourn. The **Motion** carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lorie A. Sanders, Recording Secretary