



# City of Cumberland



## MINUTES

### HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

April 19, 2023

The Cumberland Historic Preservation Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, within the Council Chambers of City Hall. Members present Chairman Larry Jackson, Mr. Tim Hoffman, Mr. Brian Plitnik, Councilwoman Laurie Marchini, Mr. Nathan Williams, Dr. Lincoln Wilkins, Lynda Lambert, and Mr. Justin Paulman.

Others in attendance were, Ms. Ruth Davis-Rogers, Historic Preservation Planner/Grants Management, Ms. Chelsea Rexrode, Codes Technician, Carter Wagoner (Resident), Jerard Puckett (Embassy Theatre), Adam Patterson (AC DPW), Fred Baker (Resident).

Chairman Larry Jackson, called the meeting to order. He read the following statement into the record: "The Cumberland Historic Preservation Commission exists pursuant to Section 11 of the City of Cumberland Municipal Zoning Ordinance. Members are appointed by the Mayor and City Council and shall possess a demonstrated special knowledge or professional or academic training in such fields as history, architecture, architectural history, planning, archeology, anthropology, curation, conservation, landscape architecture, historic preservation, urban design, or related disciplines. The Commission strives to enhance quality of life by safeguarding the historical and cultural heritage of Cumberland. Preservation is shown to strengthen the local economy, stabilize and improve property values, and foster civic beauty. The Cumberland Historic Preservation Commission operates pursuant to State of Maryland 1977 Open Meetings Act and therefore no pending applications shall be discussed between or amongst Commissioners outside the public hearing to determine the disposition of the application."

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

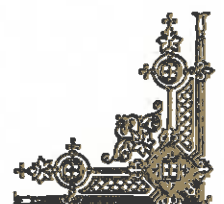
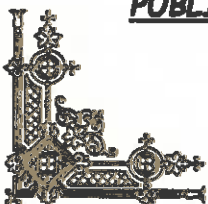
1. Minutes from March 2023 were approved as written. Mr. Tim Hoffman made the motion for approval and Justin Paulman, seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion approved.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments made.



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## **CONCENT AGENDA**

1. 42 Baltimore St COA23-000018

Applicant: CBIZ John Buchanan - replacement in kind awning, brick repair

2. 508 Washington St COA23-000019

Applicant: Town Center Development - Shed Installation

3. 130 Bedford St COA23-000020

Applicant: The New Creation Laundry - John Wigger - Sign

4. 204 Washington St RCA23-000003 (COA22-000023)

Applicant: John Pendleton - Addition to exterior renovations

*Chairman Larry Jackson read the approval statement: We have studied the application in all other relevant documents and presentation related to the formation cases COA23-000018, COA23-000019, COA23-000020, (RCA23-00003) COA23-000023. We find the properties on the approve Certificate of Appropriateness contribute to the Historic Districts where they are located and the proposed changes are consisted with guidelines and criteria found in the Historic Preservation District designed guidelines for Cumberland Maryland.*

*Larry Jackson made the motion to approve and all members were in favor.*

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. COA23-000021 - 49 Baltimore St. - Applicant Jerard Puckett (Embassy Theater) - Façade Improvements. Jerard is proposing to replace black glass that is above the box office sign and below the current light boxes. He wants to replace the glass with a shiny black metal. He believes the metal and black glass will blend in together. He would like to get LED Lighting replaced over the doors.

*Justin Paulman made the motion to approve based on the findings. Tim Hoffman seconded the motion for approval. All members were in favor; motion approved. They are approving the Black Metal siding as a replacement for the broken black glass tiles which are no longer available and the LED lighting in the cylinders that the brightness will be controlled for lighting over the doors.*

2. COA23-000022 - 0 Washington St - Applicant Allegany County Commissioners (Adam Patterson) - Adam is proposing to expand the parking lot because of not having enough space for the staff and visitors. They are proposing extending into the berm space approaching Washington street approximately 7 ½ to 10 ft and constructing a gravity wall. They will excavate and add blacktop/stone to create a larger parking space.

*Tim Hoffman made the motion to approve based on the findings. Nathaniel Williams seconded the motion for approval. All members were in favor; motion approved.*

### TAX INCENTIVES

1. 204 Washington St - Applicant - John Pendleton - He is submitting addition for work that previously approved in Aug 2022.
2. 17 Prospect Square - Applicant - Carter Wagoner - He is submitting for work on his exterior wall. He is having brick replaced and mortar fixed. A company from Latrobe, PA will be doing the work. This is step one approval. This will have to go to the Maryland State Trust as well.

*Chairman Larry Jackson read the Tax Incentive Approval. Maryland state law grants the City of Cumberland the authority to provide local historic preservation tax credits. Before us are tax credit applications for work to be performed at 204 Washington St and 17 Prospect Square. We have studied the application and find that these properties qualify based on City of Cumberland Code and section 9-204 of the Tax Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.*

### OTHER BUSINESS/STAFF UPDATES

1. Community Workshop will be May 3, 2023 at 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm.
2. Lakota Group will be in town to join us on May 2nd-4<sup>th</sup>, 2023. They are meeting with multiple groups around the area. HPC will be required to have a 45-minute session with them. Details will come soon for the meeting.
3. Maryland Historical Trust will be coming in for an awards ceremony.
4. Allegany Co Farmer's Market will be May 4, 2023 at 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
5. Next meeting will be held on May 23, 2023 at 4pm due to prior engagements of the Historic Preservation Planner.
6. Parkview Liquors replaced their sign (although outside of the historical district).

An audio of tonight's meeting is available upon request.

**ADJOURMENT**

Chairman Larry Jackson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

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Mr. Tim Hoffman, Secretary