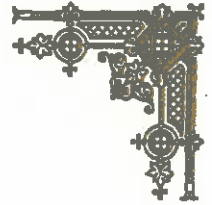


City of Cumberland



MINUTES

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

May 11, 2022

The Cumberland Historic Preservation Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 4:00 p.m., within the Council Chambers of City Hall. Members present were Acting Chairperson Tim Hoffman, Dr. Michael T. Garrett, Councilwoman Laurie Marchini, and Mr. Nathan Williams, Justin T. Paulman, and Dr. Lincoln Wilkins.

Others in attendance were, Ms. Ruth Davis-Rogers Historic Preservation Planner/Grants Management and Ms. Terri Hast. Mr. Adam Stern, and Ms. Amber Hostettler.

Acting Chairman, Mr. Tim Hoffman, 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

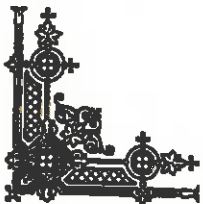
1. Minutes for April 13, 2022 were approved as written.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no Change/Amendment applications to review.



CUMBERLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
57 N. Liberty Street
CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND 21502



CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATNESS

- 1. 10 Centre Street - COA22-000006 - Applicant Greg Triantafillides is requesting window signage. The signage will consist of the title: Greg's World's Famous Photography.**
- 2. 201 N. Centre Street - COA22-000007 - Applicant St Patrick's Catholic Church (Our Lady of the Mountains) requesting to remove existing sidewalks around church building and replace with new sidewalks.**
- 3. 40 N Centre Street - COA22-000008 - Applicant Michael Harris is requesting to reface existing sign with name of new business. "Pepper in a Bottle".**
- 4. 217 N Centre Street - COA22-000009 - Applicant Mrs. Jane Belt is requesting to install new picnic tables and umbrellas, ramp, paint wall and replacement in-kind of windows.**

Mr. Tim Hoffman made a motion to approve all four (4) Consent Agendas COAs: I have studied the application and all other relevant documents and presentations related to this case, and I am familiar with the property in question. If found, that the prospective changes are consistent with guidelines and criteria found in Chapter 5 of Canal Place Preservation District including the Secretary of Interior's Standards. There was no discussion. The motion was voted on and all were in favor. The motion passed with majority vote.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATNESS REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. 122 Union Street - COA22-000010 - Chessie Federal Credit Union - Applicant Adam Stern, with the Belt Group, is requesting new signs, drive through lane expansion and renovation work.**

The four members present gave permission to allow administrative approval of this application following the meeting. Discussion ensued. Additional Chessie representative included Hostettler and a gentleman, who did not sign in.

The Commission agreed to the expansion and renovation work, but there was discussion regarding the sign meeting guidelines in place. The Commission understood branding, but questioned sign size, height, illumination, and the electronic changing sign. A suggestion of

reusing the existing sign with a static message in lieu of movement may be considered while still using the new branding. Approval in pursuant to Guidelines 46, 48, and 50 were referenced.

Hostettler and gentleman will have discussion with Chessie's board to come up with a guideline approvable project. The Commission would approve and administrative review if the sign size stays with 50 SF and the height remains within the guidelines.

They would also want to be sure of no electronic change of copy signage. The HPC also asked to be notified by staff before the final approval was given to the applicant.

OTHER BUSINESS/STAFF UPDATES

1. Announcement of two (2) grant awards:
 - a. Historic Preservation Commission 101 Training; date has not been set yet.
 - b. The Cumberland Historic Preservation Plan; Ms. Ruth Davis-Rogers is creating an outline and the consultant will look at all assets for strengths, weaknesses, etc. with 1 year to 18 months to spend down.
2. The old Allegany High School faced in now on pallets and is available.
3. The City has released two grant programs:
 - a. A Home Rehabilitation Program for vacant properties assessed under \$100,000. It is a 50% matching funds up to \$25,000 for improvements to property. The applicant must fall within certain income guidelines and the award is \$5,000 - \$10,000 paid to the contractor.
4. Introduction to a discussion, at a later date, regarding public art, such as murals downtown and what the guideline's approve what other City's allow, etc. Examples were provided by Ruth Davis-Rogers to the commission members.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Wilkins made the motion to adjourn and seconded by Dr. Garrett. Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully,

Mr. Tim Hoffman, Secretary