

City of Cumberland

MINUTES

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

November 15, 2023

The Cumberland Historic Preservation Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, within the Council Chambers of City Hall. Members present were, Mr. Larry Jackson, Mr. Tim Hoffman, Mr. Brian Plitnik, Councilwoman Laurie Marchini, Ms. Lynda Lambert, Mr. Nathan Williams, and Mr. Justin Paulman.

Others in attendance were, Ms. Ruth Davis-Rogers, Historic Preservation Planner/Grants Management, Ms. Chelsea Rexrode, Codes Technician. There were no citizens or press representatives were in attendance.

Chairman, Mr. 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

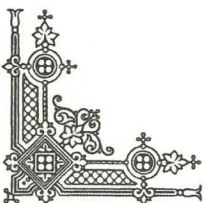
1. Minutes from October 2023 were approved as written. *Mr. Tim Hoffman made the motion for approval and Ms. Lynda Lambert, seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion approved.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments made.



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57 N. Liberty Street
CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND 21502



CONCENT AGENDA

1. 305 Washington St. - COA23-000060 (Roof & Chimney Repair)
Applicant: Tara Collier
2. 74 Baltimore St. - COA23-000061 (Brick & Stucco Repair)
Applicant: James Mckee
3. 19 Frederick St. - COA23-000062 (Surveillance Camera)
Applicant: CEDC - Matt Miller
4. 514 Washington St. - COA23-000063 (Roof Repair)
Applicant: Chris Sloan

Mr. Larry Jackson read the approval statement: We have studied the application in all other relevant documents and presentation related to the for-mention cases COA23-000060, COA23-000061, COA23-000062, and COA23-000063. 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.

REGULAR AGENDA

- Nothing to be reviewed this month by the Commission

TAX INCENTIVES

1. 305 Washington St. (Step 1 & Step 2 Approval)
Applicant: Tara Collier/ Hemlock Leasing LLC
2. 74 Baltimore St. (Step 1 & Step 2 Approval)
Applicant: Katherine James Realty

Mr. Larry Jackson read "Maryland State law grants the City of Cumberland the authority to provide local historic preservation tax credits. Before us are tax credit application for work to be performed at 69 Baltimore St. We have studied the applications and find that these properties quality 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. Handouts were given to the Commission to review after our meeting regarding Solar Panels on Historic Properties.
2. Ruth attended National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference last week and had great feedback about the activity that Cumberland is experiencing at this time.
3. Historic Preservation Plan will be presented to the Mayor and City Council on December 19, 2023 for acceptance.
4. There is a new Arts Commission that is being proposed. The Commission will review public murals and art within the arts district of the city. It will consist of 10 Commission Members.
5. The 1st Winter Festival and Market to be held on December 2nd and December 9th, 2023. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Melinda Kelleher.
6. The Maryland Historical Trust will be offering their yearly loan program. Applications will be taken until January 15, 2023.
7. The Maryland Historical Trust held an archeological dig. The State is putting in a request to the National Park Service to see if they can hold a field session.
8. The Community Legacy Reward will be announced soon. We proposed to do façade improvements on N Mechanic/ N Centre Streets and some other things to help support historical preservation in the area.
9. Ms. Lynda Lambert is currently writing newspaper articles on historic preservation. One article has been published to date.

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

ADJOURMENT

Mr. Larry Jackson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Mr. Tim Hoffman, Secretary