

City of Cumberland



MINUTES

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

December 21, 2022

The Cumberland Historic Preservation Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 4:00 p.m., within the Council Chambers of City Hall. Members present Chairman Larry Jackson, Mr. Tim Hoffman, Dr. Michael T. Garrett, Dr. Lincoln Wilkins, Mr. Brian Piltnik, Councilwoman Laurie Marchini, and Mr. Nathan Williams.

Others in attendance were, Ms. Ruth Davis-Rogers Historic Preservation Planner/Grants Management and Ms. Debbie Helmstetter, Code Technician and Chelsea Rexrode Code Technician. Mr. Chris Myers, Mr. Elijah Thone, Artist, Mr. Brian Grimm - 101 Baltimore St. and Marlee Opel, Artist.

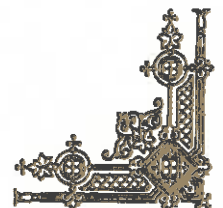
Chairman Larry Jackson, called the meeting to order. He read the following statement into the record: "The Cumberland Historic Preservation Commission exists pursuant to Section 11 of the City of Cumberland Municipal Zoning Ordinance. Members are appointed by the Mayor and City Council and shall possess 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 November 19, 2022 were approved as written. Mr. Brian Piltnik made the motion for approval and Mr. Tim Hoffman seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion approved.



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57 N. Liberty Street
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PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments made.

CONCENT AGENDA

1. COA22-000037 - 300 Washington Street - Chimney Replacement.
Applicant Jonathan Hutcherson. Administration Approval was given.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATNESS

1. RCA22- 000004 - reference COA22-000016. Applicant Mr. Brian Grimm - he is requesting an addition to the existing mural located 101 Baltimore Street and N. Centre Street. The addition will help fill in the open space of the building wall. The artists are Elijah Thane and Marlee Opel. The mural is known as the Cumberland Mural (The Queen City), the artist wants to express more of Cumberland and its surroundings.

Mr. Tim Hoffman made the motion to approve based on the findings. Councilwoman Laurie Marchini seconded the motion for approval. All members were in favor; motion approved.

Dr. Lincoln Wilkins wanted to go on record that he agrees with Chairman Larry Jackson that this commission is not art critics and we should not vote as one.

2. COA22-000036 - 15 S. Liberty Street. Applicant Mr. Chris Meyers - is requesting repairs to the front door and the transits. Mr. Meyers will be repointing and re-toothing brickwork around first and second floors. He will be replacing the front commercial door to historic appropriate shop door. Removing of damaged asphalt shingles above the store bay window facing South Liberty Street and replacing with synthetic slate roof material.

Dr. Brian Piltnik made the motion to approve based on the findings. Mr. Tim Hoffman seconded the motion for approval. All members were in favor; motion approved.

Dr. Michael Garrett came into the meeting at 4.33 p.m.

3. COA22-000038 - 156 N. Mechanic Street - City of Cumberland is requesting to Demo the property due to safety reasons. The roof has collapsed, upon inspection there was a fireman injured when making entry into the building. The owner passed away and there were no alternate contacts for the property. They had a structural analysis done and was proven to be unfit.

Dr. Michael Garrett made the motion to approved the request based on the findings and Mr. Nathan Williams seconded the motion; all members were in favor; the vote was 7-0 for approval.

Chairman Larry Jackson read the approval statement: We have studied the application in all other relevant documents and presentation related to the for-mention cases. 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.

OTHER BUSINESS/STAFF UPDATES

1. Ms. Davis-Rogers said there are lots of grants out there; Maryland Historic Trust.
2. Capitol Grant Program will be opening in the Spring 2023 at the LaVale Library.

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

ADJOURMENT

Chairman Larry Jackson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Mr. Tim Hoffman, Secretary