

City of Cumberland



MINUTES HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION March 15, 2023

The Cumberland Historic Preservation Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, within the Council Chambers of City Hall. Members present Mr. Tim Hoffman, Mr. Lincoln Wilkins, Mr. Nathan Williams, Councilwoman Laurie Marchini, and Ms. Lynda Lambert.

Others in attendance were, Ms. Ruth Davis-Rogers (supporting staff), Historic Preservation Planner/Grants Management, Ms. Chelsea Rexrode, Codes Technician, Mike Fiscus (REACT, INC.), Thomas Pritts (Montum Architecture), Eliot Fielding (Fielding Construction), and Barbara Crane (Emmanuel Episcopal Church).

Secretary 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

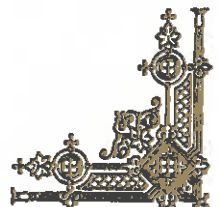
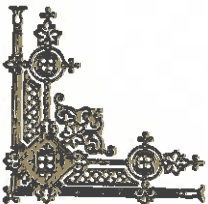
1. Minutes from February 15, 2023 were approved as written.
Ms. Lynda Lambert made the motion for approval and Councilwoman, Laurie Marchini, seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments made.



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57 N. Liberty Street
CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND 21502



CONSENT AGENDA

1. COA23-000011 - 127 Polk St. (Back Yard Fence)- adding new fence to property
Applicant: Brogan Grimm
2. COA23-000012 - 123 Baltimore St. (Façade Improvements) - refreshing and rehabbing the storefront by adding existing paint color to storefront and columns, caulking, priming, repairs of fascia board and metal roof areas, repair trim at base areas as needed
Applicant: Town Center Development Group, LLC
3. COA23-000013 - 113 Baltimore St. (#115) (Façade Improvements) - refreshing and rehabbing the storefront by adding existing paint color to storefront and columns, caulking, priming, existing tile to be removed and replaced at the storefront base
Applicant: Town Center Development Group, LLC
4. COA23-000014 - 113 Baltimore St. (Façade Improvements) - refreshing and rehabbing the storefront by adding existing paint color to storefront, canopies, columns, caulking, priming, repair existing cracked concrete step/base areas, rusted tin molding will be repaired/replaced as needed
Applicant: Town Center Development Group, LLC
5. COA23-000016 - 66 Queen City Dr. (Signage) - adding sign 4X8 non-illuminated aluminum composite panel with black vinyl graphics
Applicant: Kenney Signs, Inc. for HOOKUP HU\$TLE
6. RCA23-000002 - 138 Baltimore St. (Façade Improvement alteration) - Changing door locations on the front of the façade
Applicant: C&M Construction for CG Enterprises

Mr. Nathan Williams made the motion for approval for the following COA23-000011, COA23-000012, COA23-000013, COA23-000014, COA23-000016, RCA23-000002 and Ms. Lynda Lambert, seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. COA23-000015 - 120 Fayette St - Applicant: Montum Architecture/ Thomas Pritts for Robotics and Engineering of Allegany Co- (Entrance Improvements)-
The applicant (Thomas Pritts) is proposing to replace ramp and replace the front door to make the property ADA Accessible. This project has received approval from the Maryland Historical Trust.
Ms. Lynda Lambert made the motion to approve the above proposal with recommendation from the HPC to have the door frame match the same color as the windows (white). Councilwoman, Laurie Marchini, seconded the motion.

All members were in favor. Motion approved.

2. COA23-000017 - 24 Washington St - Applicant: Fielding Construction of Emmanuel Episcopal Church - (Porch Restoration) - The applicant (Eliot Fielding) is proposing replacing the floor joists and adding Azek composite decking boards to the porch. The decking boards will have a tongue and groove appearance. Eliot explained that the columns needed to be replaced as well due to them being in disrepair. Eliot plans to replicate the existing columns out of 1 inch pine. The handrail will be refabricated and put back into place. Eliot states by replacing the columns it will make the porch more stable. The proposed porch replacement is compatible with the City of Cumberland Design Guidelines if it is replaced with exactly the same materials, mouldings, bevels, accents, and paint color.

Councilwoman, Laurie Marchini made the motion to approve the above proposal with the contingency of approval from the Maryland Historical Trust. Ms. Lynda Lambert, seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion approved.

Secretary Tim Hoffman read the approval statement: We have studied the application in all other relevant documents and presentation related to the formation. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

1. The Capital Grant program has been extended until May 1st, 2023 to submit your applications. They will reopen the applications in January 2024. There is \$600,000 available for projects that promote acquisition, restoration, and rehabilitation of historic properties.
2. The Preservation Maryland Heritage Fund closes in two weeks. This grant is up to \$10,000 per project. This fund meets the needs of cultural resources in Maryland that are not likely to be met through other grant programs, such as, Churches or non-profit organizations.
3. The City of Cumberland Historical Preservation plan has selected the Lakota Group out of Chicago. They visited Cumberland and were able to gather information about our city.
4. NACP's Webinar is March 23, 2023 @ 1pm. The topic is Preservation Planning. The Lakota Group will be speaking at this event.

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

ADJOURMENT

Secretary Tim Hoffman adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Mr. Tim Hoffman, Secretary