

MINUTES

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

May 14, 2025

The Cumberland Historic Preservation Commission held its regular meeting on May 14, 2025 within the Council Chambers of City Hall. Members present were Mr. Larry Jackson, Mr. Justin Paulman, and Dr. Lincoln Wilkins. Mr. Tim Hoffman and Ms. Lynda Lambert attended meeting virtually. Mr. Nathan Williams attended meeting via phone.

Others in attendance were, Ms. Ruth Davis-Rogers, Historic Preservation Planner/Grants Management and Ms. Chelsea Rexrode, Codes Technician Applicants present were Chris Stevens and a representative for Margaret Jones.

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 April 2025 were approved as written. **Mr. Justin Paulman made the motion to approve. Dr. Lincoln Wilkins seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion approved.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- N/A

CONSENT AGENDA

- 47 Baltimore St RCA25-000004 (sign and awning)
Applicant: Chris Sloan
- 3 Pershing St COA25-000017 (basement renovations)
Applicant: Allegany Museum
- 18 S Mechanic St COA25-000018 (After-the-fact shed installation)
Applicant: Uncle Jack's
- 622 Washington St COA25-000019 (sidewalk improvement)
Applicant: Jeff & Karrey Rhodes
- 204 S Washington St COA25-000022 (renewal of COA22-000023)
Applicant: John Pendleton

The Commission agreed to all of the above approved "consent agenda." The only comment that was made was in regards to COA25-000018. We must communicate with applicant for future projects, please ask for pre-approval.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 101 Washington St COA25-000020 (handicap ramp)
Applicant: Margaret Jones

Representative, spoke on behalf of the project. There will be a new ADA ramp to be installed of the existing porch. Jim Matthews will be completing the project. Ramp will be placed at the side of the porch. The ramp will be made of composite decking and metal spindles. The ramp will not encroach the sidewalk.

Dr. Lincoln Wilkins made the motion to approve COA25-000020 and Mr. Tim Hoffman seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion approved.

- 518 Washington St COA25-000023 (new paint scheme)
Applicant: Chris Stevens

Mr. Chris Stevens spoke on behalf of the project. His house was built in 1893. He is proposing a different paint scheme for his home. His home is current black and white. He would like to paint his house a historical palette. The colors include Renwick Beige, Rookwood Amber,

Rookwood Blue Green, Dard Hunter Green, and Roycroft Copper Red from Sherwin Williams. Hoyman Painting will be completing this project. He plans to limewash the foundation

Mr. Justin Paulman made the motion to approve COA25-000023. Mr. Nathan Williams seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion approved.

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 RCA25-000004, COA25-000017, COA25-000018, COA25-000019, COA25-000022, COA25-000020, and COA25-000023. 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.

OTHER BUSINESS/STAFF UPDATES

- Ruth Davis-Rogers visited Frank Lloyd Wright Historic District. She stated it reminded her of our Washington St Historic District.
- Ruth Davis-Rogers was selected by the Maryland Historical Trust to receive an award on June 4, 2025 at City Hall.

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

ADJOURMENT

Mr. Larry Jackson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Mr. Tim Hoffman, Secretary