

MINUTES

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

January 8, 2025

The Cumberland Historic Preservation Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday December 11, 2024, within the Council Chambers of City Hall. Members present were, Chairman, Mr. Larry Jackson and Mr. Brian Plitnik. Members present VIA phone were, Dr. Lincoln Wilkins, Mr. Tim Hoffman, and Mr. Nathan Williams.

Others in attendance were, Ms. Ruth Davis-Rogers, Historic Preservation Planner/Grants Management and Ms. Chelsea Rexrode, Codes Technician. There were no media or citizens present. The Project Manager, Forrest Freeman from JG Construction was also present.

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 December 2024 were approved as written. **Mr. Brian Plitnik made the motion for approval and Mr. Nathan Williams, seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion approved.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- None

REGULAR AGENDA

- 407 Washington St. COA24-000062 (solar panels on roof)
Applicant: JG Construction Co- Nick Vaccaro

Mr. Forrest Freeman (Project Manager), spoke on behalf of this project. They are proposing to install 60 solar panels which will be 24.60 KW. The panels will sit 4 inches off of the roof. Most of the panels will be located in the back over the house and will not be visible from the view shed.

Mr. Tim Hoffman made the motion to approve COA24-000062 and 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 COA24-000062. 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

- We were recently audited by the Maryland Historical Trust.
 1. Continuing education class is recommended

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Larry Jackson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Mr. Tim Hoffman, Secretary