

MINUTES

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

December 11, 2024

The Cumberland Historic Preservation Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday December 11, 2024, within the Council Chambers of City Hall. Members present were, Mr. Tim Hoffman, Councilwoman Laurie Marchini, Mr. Brian Plitnik, Dr. Lincoln Wilkins, and via phone were Ms. Lynda Lambert.

Others in attendance were, Ms. Ruth Davis-Rogers, Historic Preservation Planner/Grants Management, Councilman Eugene Frazier, and Ms. Chelsea Rexrode, Codes Technician. There were no media or citizens present.

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 November 2024 were approved as written. **Dr. Lincoln Wilkins, made the motion for approval and Mr. Brian Plitnik, seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion approved.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 121 N Centre St - COA24-000060 (signage)
Applicant: Community Café
- 107 S Centre St - COA24-000061 (exterior paint)
Applicant: Joann Circosta

REGULAR AGENDA

- None

Mr. Tim Hoffman read the approval statement: We have studied the application in all other relevant documents and presentation related to the for-mention cases COA24-000060, and COA24-000061. 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

- Approve recommendation, to be presented to the Mayor and City Council, for the consultant chosen to update the National Register listing of the City of Cumberland Downtown Historic District.

Mr. Brian Plitnik made the motion to recommend and Councilwoman, Laurie Marchini, seconded the motion. Motion approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CBS News interviewed the Mayor in regards to the relocation package.
- Currently starting historical preservation plan and they wanting to learn about different neighborhoods in Cumberland.

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

ADJOURMENT

Mr. Tim Hoffman adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Mr. Tim Hoffman, Secretary