

MINUTES

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

November 13, 2024

The Cumberland Historic Preservation Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday September 18, 2024, within the Council Chambers of City Hall. Members present were, Mr. Larry Jackson, Councilwoman Laurie Marchini, Mr. Tim Hoffman, Mr. Brian Plitnik, Dr. Lincoln Wilkins, and via phone were Mr. Nathan Williams.

Others in attendance were, Ms. Ruth Davis-Rogers, Historic Preservation Planner/Grants Management and Ms. Chelsea Rexrode, Codes Technician. The applicant's present were Derek & Hilary Casazza, Rhonda Robinson, Greg Hendershot, Hadrian Zbarcea, and Scott Rieker. There were no media or citizens present.

Chairman, 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 October 2024 were approved as written. **Mr. Tim Hoffman made the motion for approval and Councilwoman, Laurie Marchini, seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion approved.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 171 N Centre St - COA24-000050 (façade improvements)
Applicant: Wes Bender
- 164 N Centre St - COA24-000051 (paint colors)
Applicant: Jason Wolford
- 61 Baltimore St - COA24-000053 (sign replacement)
Applicant: Ed Mullaney
- 112 Baltimore St - COA24-000054 (repair of entryway brick)
Applicant: Allegany College
- 18 N Centre St - COA24-000058 (paintings)
Applicant: James Welsh

REGULAR AGENDA

1. 317 Washington St - COA24-000049 - Installation of a privacy fence
Applicant: Derek & Hilary Casazza

The Applicant is proposing to install a wooden privacy fence in the rear of their property. Pictures were shown to the Commission on what the privacy fence would look like. There will be a 4ft gate added to allow access to their basement. The fence will be approximately 132 ft long and 6ft high. This fence will be installed by "Overland Fence Company".

Mr. Tim Hoffman made the motion to approve COA24-000049. Mr. Nathan Williams seconded the motion. All members were in fa

2. 138 Baltimore St - COA24-000052 - Installation of sign
Applicant: Rhiannon Brown

Greg Hendershot spoke on behalf of this proposal. Applicant is wanting to install a hanging sign above the entry way approxiamtly 4'X3'. This will match the decal that is currently on the front of the façade.

Councilwoman, Laurie Marchini, made the motion to approve COA24-000052. Mr. Tim Hoffman seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion approved.

3. 138 Baltimore St - COA24-000057 - Installation of sign

Applicant: CG Enterprises for Boost Mobile

Greg Hendershot spoke on behalf of this proposal. They are proposing to install a sign approximately 16 sq ft for the above business. This will be lighted by the existing gooseneck lighting.

Mr. Nathan Williams made the motion to approve COA24-000057 and Councilwoman, Laurie Marchini seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion approved.

4. 44 Baltimore St - COA24-000055 - Installation of sign

Applicant: CBIZ

Applicant presented the photos of what the signage would look like. The sign would have a gold background with the logo being green and "CBIZ" in blue lettering. This will also match the artwork that will be added at a later date.

Dr. Lincoln Wilkins made the motion to approve COA24-000055 and Councilwoman, Laurie Marchini seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion approved.

5. 16 Washington St - COA24-000056 - Installation of sign

Applicant: Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Applicant is proposing to install a 9 X 5 sign that includes the name of the Church. The sign will be made from Polywood. There will be 4 solar lights surrounding the sign to light it up at night. There will be LED post toppers added to the posts as well.

Mr. Tim Hoffman made the motion to approve COA24-000056 and Councilwoman, Laurie Marchini seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion approved.

6. 49 N Centre St - COA24-000059 - Painting building

Applicant: Gheorge Zbarcea

Applicant is proposing to paint the building a shade of Gray and the window trim will be "Rave Red".

Mr. Tim Hoffman made a motion to approve COA24-000059 and Councilwoman,

Laurie Marchini 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 COA24-000049, COA24-000050, COA24-000051, COA24-000052, COA24-000053, COA24-000054, COA24-000055, COA24-000056, COA24-000057, COA24-000058, and COA24-000059. 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

- Baltimore St is having their Grand opening this week.
- There will be a continuing education class offered to all Commission Members
- There is possibility to add 2 more commissioners to the group
- There was a grant that was applied for and granted for a dig at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church. It will be 100% funded by the state and will take place next Summer.

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

ADJOURMENT

Mr. Larry Jackson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Mr. Tim Hoffman, Secretary