

MINUTES

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

September 17, 2025

The Cumberland Historic Preservation Commission held its regular meeting on September 17, 2025 within the Council Chambers of City Hall. Members present were Mr. Larry Jackson, Mr. Justin Paulman, and Councilman, Rock Cioni. Mr. Tim Hoffman, Mr. Nathan Williams, and Ms. Lynda Lambert attended meeting virtually.

Others in attendance were, Ms. Ruth Davis-Rogers, Historic Preservation Planner/Grants Management and Ms. Chelsea Rexrode, Codes Technician. Applicants present were Brooke Hill.

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 July 2025 were approved as written. **Mr. Justin Paulman made the motion to approve. Councilman Rock Cioni seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion approved.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- N/A

CONSENT AGENDA

- 82 Baltimore St. COA25-000033 (City Seal placed on electrical box)
Applicant: Melinda Kelleher/ City of Cumberland
- 400 N Mechanic St COA25-000034 (new sign on NTHP listed building)
Applicant: Oxbow Cultural Research - Suzanne Trussell
- 6 Pershing St and City Garage COA25-000036 (temp banners for festivals)
Applicant: Allegany Historical Society/ DDC - Becky McClarran
- 203 N Mechanic St COA25-000037 (exterior painting)
Applicant: Reptilian Arts - Rohman Taylor
- 42 Baltimore St COA25-000039 (public art on wall of CBIZ building)
Applicant: Allegany Arts Commission/ Kaitlyn Wharton
- 511 Washington St COA25-000040 (maintenance on house)
Applicant: Fielding Construction on behalf of Bob and Julie Courtney

Mr. Justin Paulman made the motion to approve. Councilman Rock Cioni seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion approved.

Chairman Larry Jackson read "based on these findings we move to approve COA25-000033, COA25-000034, COA25-000036, COA25-000037, COA25-000039, and COA25-000040 in accordance with the presentation of information/staff report and the items on record placed before us."

REGULAR AGENDA

- 74 Baltimore St - COA25-000038
Applicant: Brooke Hill/ owner of "Hill&Co"

Brooke is proposing painting the window trims black and adding black paint to the already existing painted areas on the front of the façade. She is proposing installing brass lettering on the front of the building "Hill&Co." In the future, she would like to replace the door, but was advised that she would have to return to have approval by the HPC. She is not changing the lighting on the building.

Mr. Justin Paulman made the motion to approve. Councilman Rock Cioni 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 COA25-000038. 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

- None.

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

ADJOURMENT

Mr. Larry Jackson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Mr. Tim Hoffman, Secretary