

MINUTES

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

May 15, 2024

The Cumberland Historic Preservation Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, within the Allegany County Museum. Members present were, Mr. Larry Jackson, Councilwoman Laurie Marchini, Ms. Lynda Lambert. The following members were in attendance via phone Mr. Brian Plitnik, Mr. Tim Hoffman, and Mr. Nathan Williams.

Others in attendance were, Ms. Ruth Davis-Rogers, Historic Preservation Planner/Grants Management, Ms. Chelsea Rexrode, Codes Technician. The Applicants present were the LBC (Ginny Decker, Jan Wunderlick, Mary Ann Coyle, Greg Hendershot, Ed Mullaney) and the Emmanuel Episcopal Church (Rev. John Reardon, Brad Williams, and Rev. Dr. Scott Rieker). No media was 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 April 2024 were approved as written. *Councilwoman, Laurie Marchini, made the motion for approval and Ms. Lynda Lambert, seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion approved.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. 40 N. Centre St. - RCA24-000001 (Signage)
Applicant: Michael Harris - Pepper on a Plate / Sabroso Tacos
2. 124 W. Union St. - COA24-000011 - (Fence for Chessie FCU)
Applicant: DNA Lawn & Landscaping
3. 153 Baltimore St. - COA24-000012 (Stone cleaning and repointing)
Applicant: Hoyman Painting
4. 49 N Centre St. - COA24-000014 (Surveillance camera - NE Corner)
Applicant: Cumberland Economic Dev Corp.
5. 49 N Centre St. - COA24-000015 (Surveillance camera - NW Corner)
Applicant : Cumberland Economic Dev Corp.
6. 60 N Pershing St. - COA24-000016 (Surveillance camera - NW Corner)
Applicant: Cumberland Economic Dev Corp.
7. 149 N Centre St. - COA24-000017 (Repointing bricks)
Applicant: Landis Office Center
8. 104 Washington St. - COA24-000019 (Exterior paint color)
Applicant: Cumberland Cultural Foundation
9. 60 N Pershing St. - COA24-000020 (Exterior paint color)
Applicant: Sandi Saville
10. 138 Baltimore St./Mcmullen Building - COA24-000021 (Exterior paint color)
Applicant: CG Enterprises
11. 57 N Liberty St. - COA24-000022 (HVAC exterior unit)
Applicant: City of Cumberland

Councilwoman, Laurie Marchini made the motion to approve RCA24-000001, COA24-000011, COA24-000012, COA24-000014, COA24-000015, COA24-000016, COA24-000017, COA24-000019, COA24-000020, COA24-000021, and COA24-000022 and Ms. Lynda Lambert seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. 16 Washington St. - COA24-000018 (Pollinator Garden)

Applicant: Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The applicants are proposing to convert the $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of grass into native plants, trees, bushes that support pollinators. They have partnered with multiple agencies, schools, etc. with the idea to cover the hill with plants. They will bloom throughout the year. The idea is to have local schools help with the planting. They will have educational signage placed around the area to educate everyone on pollinators. There are more than 33 species that they will be planting. The bank will be covered with hardwood mulch. If approved, they will start their project on May 18th, 2024.

Mr. Nathan Williams made the motion to approve COA24-000018 and Ms. Lynda Lambert seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Motion approved.

2. Corner of Greene/ Washington St. - COA24-000023 (Hendershot Park Community Clock)

Applicant: Let's Beautify Cumberland

Greg Hendershot and Jan Wunderlick spoke on behalf of the LBC regarding their project. They are proposing placing a "town clock" at Hendershot Park. They are fundraising to be able to purchase the clock. The clock will cost around \$26,000, but they want to raise around \$40,000 to help with maintenance and to add security measures to help protect the clock. The tagline for the clock is "Making time for your community." It will be a 4-face square shaped clock with backlit lighting. The numbers will be regular, not roman numerals with solid black hands. It will be a "forest green with gold trim accents". The clock will say "Cumberland 1787" on it. It is powered by electricity and will have its own line. It will be connected to GPS, allowing it to change with Day Light Savings Time.

Mr. Tim Hoffman made the motion to approve COA24-000023 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 COA24-000018, and COA24-000023. 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

- May is "Historical Preservation Month."
- Ruth attended the Main Street Conference in Alabama last week.

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

ADJOURMENT

Mr. Larry Jackson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Mr. Tim Hoffman, Secretary