

MINUTES

Easton Historic District Commission Easton, Maryland

October 9, 2017

Members Present: Kelly Pezor, Vice Chairman, Kevin Gibson, Bill Wieland, George Koste and Robert Arnouts.

Members Absent: Kurt Herrmann and Kevin Bateman.

Mr. Herrmann called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Opening statement given by the Chairman.

The Commission operates under the authority granted to it by section 701 of the Town of Easton Zoning Ordinance. And, I hereby open the record of the public hearing on cases heard this evening and, in accordance with our legal responsibilities, I enter into the record the following items: notice of the public hearing, adopted design guidelines, resumes of commission members and any consultants used by the Commission, records of any previous meetings, and any letters to the Commission on a case.

*The decisions of the HDC may be appealed within 30 days of approval.
General Order of the hearing of Applications*

Introduction of the application by the presiding officer

- *Presentation by the applicant or his agent*
- *Questions by members of the Commission*
- *Public comment*
- *Petitioner rebuttal*
- *Discussion and consideration by the Commission*
- *Decision motion and statement of Basis for Decision*

The applicant may withdraw the application at any time up to when the vote is taken. A Certificate of Appropriateness shall lapse upon the expiration of the corresponding Building Permit. For applications that require a building permit but for which none is issued, this Certificate of Appropriateness shall lapse six (6) months after its issuance. In the event a building permit is not required, the Certificate of Appropriateness shall lapse six (6) months from its issuance if substantial work is not underway. For good cause shown, this period may be extended by the Commission.

I will now entertain a motion to accept the agenda for this evening.

The agenda for the October 9, 2017 meeting was approved. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the September 25th minutes as written.

NEW BUSINESS:

60-2016 218 S. Hanson Street Edward Bautz, Owner.

Mr. Bautz was before the Commission with a request to replace his existing fence with a new 6' cedar board fence, posts and gates. Proposed fence is to be located around the

Perimeter of the property.

Upon motion of Mr. Koste seconded by Mr. Gibson the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the application as noted above.

62-2017 114 S. Washington Street Tim Junkin.

Mr. Junkin was before the Commission with a request to install one wall sign on the building. The proposed sign would be oval, 60" in width and 39" in height. The sign is to be attached to the brick wall using 4 masonry lags and located so that holes will line up with the mortar joints. Mr. Wieland was concerned about other occupants in the building wanting signs and the building becoming cluttered with signage.

Upon motion of Mr. Gibson seconded by Mr. Arnouts the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the application as submitted.

64-2017 107-109 S. Washington Street Ward Bucher.

Mr. Bucher was before the Commission with a request to repair the exterior of the building, shingle replacement and repointing of brick. He is proposing to replace the asphalt shingles with wood. Mr. Bucher stated they are proposing to repair the existing wood windows. The Commission was pleased to see the proposed renovations to the building

Upon motion of Mr. Arnouts seconded by Mr. Gibson the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the request as submitted and as shown on drawings Titled "107 & 109 S. Washington Street - Repairs" dated 9/19/17.

63-2017 323 South Street Ward Bucher.

Mr. Bucher was before the Commission with a request to relocate the existing house on the lot and raise the structure to provide a crawl space. He is proposing complete renovation of the interior and restoration of exterior. Mr. Bucher stated they are proposing to subdivide the property. Mr. Bucher stated that the house is currently in disrepair and does not meet the livability standards for the Town of Easton. Mr. Bucher stated that the foundation would be parged block and the piers are to be brick. The Commission asked that the proposed doors be fiberglass instead of steel. The Commission asked that the applicant provide cut sheets on the windows and doors.

Upon motion of Mr. Arnouts seconded by Mr. Gibson the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the application as shown on drawings Titled "Buffalo Solider House" dated 9/20/2017.

Respectfully submitted,



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Planning Secretary