

MINUTES

Easton Historic District Commission Easton, Maryland

April 9, 2018

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

Members Absent: 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 April 9, 2018 meeting was approved. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the March 26th minutes as written.

OLD BUSINESS:

9-2016 **33 S. Aurora Street** **Kerry Folan, Owner.**

Mary Folan, Kerry Folan's mother was present at the meeting. The applicant is proposing to construct a 5' wood privacy fence (board and batten with cap) along the side and rear of

the property. She is proposing no more than two (2) gates. The Commission had no issues with the proposed driveway or the gravel as proposed.

Upon motion of Mr. Wieland seconded by Mr. Gibson the Commission voted 6-0 to approve the application as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

19-2018 836 & 838 Goldsborough Street The Country School.

Barry Griffith with Lane Engineering and Neil Mufson, Head Master of the Country School were present at the meeting. Mr. Griffith explained they were before the Commission with a request for fencing and landscaping. Mr. Griffith stated they are proposing to construct an ornamental steel fence with brick pillars along the entire length of the school property (Goldsborough Street frontage). The pillars are to be 4' in height (2x2) running bond brick with a pre-cast white metal cap, 18' apart running the entire length of the property. Mr. Griffith stated they are proposing landscaping behind the fence that will be planted at grade. They would like to remove existing dead/decaying trees on the two vacant lots to allow for a multi-purpose youth playing field. The Commission suggested the applicant contact the Church regarding possible landscaping buffer between the two properties.

Upon motion of Mr. Gibson seconded by Mr. Koste the Commission voted 6-0 to approve the request as submitted.

20-2018 114 S. Washington Street Ducks Unlimited.

Jake McPherson with Ducks Unlimited was not present at the meeting but the Commission felt they had enough information to review.

The request is to install an 18" w x 10" H Ducks Unlimited wall sign to the right of the entrance door.

Upon motion of Mr. Koste seconded by Mr. Gibson the Commission voted 6-0 to approve the application as submitted.

Discussion Only 106 South Street Academy Art Museum.

Ben Simons, Director of the Academy Art Museum was before the Commission to discuss future renovations to the existing courtyard. Mr. Simons explained the Academy would like to change the main pedestrian entrance from South Street to Harrison Street. He explained that the new entrance would be accessed through the existing opening between the north and west buildings of the complex. The guests will enter through a new glass vestibule, up a short flight of steps and then through new doors into the existing atrium/entrance corridor. He explained that the new vestibule connects to a modern addition to the Academy complex. Mr. Simons stated that the new entrance would allow them to make the currently underutilized courtyard into a more attractive and inviting space with landscaping and seating. Mr. Simons stated they are proposing a brick walkway from the courtyard to Harrison Street. The Academy has conceptual approval from MHT. The Commission was favorable to the overall concept as presented and looked forward to formal review.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. by motion of Mr. Gibson seconded by Mr. Wieland.

Respectfully submitted,

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