

MINUTES

Easton Historic District Commission Easton, Maryland February 12, 2018

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

Members Absent: Bill Wieland and Kurt Herrmann.

Mrs. Pezor 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 February 12, 2018 meeting was approved. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the January 22nd minutes as written.

OLD BUSINESS:

79-2018 316/318 E. Dover Street Laurence Claggett, Owner.

Mr. Claggett was not present at the meeting. The Commission reviewed the pictures provided by Mr. Claggett and found that the applicant had not provided adequate drawings to review the application.

Upon Motion of Mr. Arnouts seconded by Mr. Koste the Commission voted 5-0 to find the application incomplete. The applicant must submit a new application for review.

NEW BUSINESS:

3-2018 137 N. Harrison Street Montia Rice, Tenant.

Mr. Rice was before the Commission with a request to install a new wood sign (18"x10') above the entrance of the building. Mr. Rice stated that the wood façade behind the proposed sign would be replaced (in-kind) as it is rotten in areas.

Upon motion of Mr. Koste seconded by Mr. Bateman the Commission voted 4-1 to approve the application as submitted.

4-2018 419 August Street Todd Wittman, Owner.

Mr. Wittman was before the Commission with a request to install a new 6' picket fence on the existing fence footprint for the back and sides. Mr. Wittman stated he is proposing to extend the footprint forward to increase yard space and hide the utilities meter. The new fence will line up with the front corner of the house and be 4' in height across the front meeting with the 6' high side fence at the lot corner.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. by motion of Mrs. Pezor seconded by Mr. Wieland.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacie S. Rice

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