

Easton Historic District Commission
Easton, Maryland
January 25, 2010

Members Present: Roger Bollman, Chairman, Kurt Herrmann, Mark Beck, Lena Gill, Mac Brittingham, and John Sener.

Absent: Joyce DeLaurentis.

Mr. Bollman 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.

The agenda for the evening was accepted.

Staff Approvals: none

Consent Docket Items: none

86-2009 110 S. Hanson St. Bethel A.M.E. Church, Charles Gale, Oliver Holmes

This application covers the installation of a storage shed to the east of the building. The shed was installed without approval at a location where a smaller shed existed relatively recently.

It was agreed that the new shed can remain in its present location but it will be painted a red color to match the brick color of the main building and therefore reduce its visual impact.

The shed complies with the Guidelines on pg 34 R2.

Approved as noted above – Motion by Gill, passed 6-0.

01-2010 101 E. Dover St. Ward Bucher, architect; John Wilson, owner

This application covers enclosing a patio along the west façade of the building and is shown on Bucher/Borges drawings A1.1 and A2.1, dated 1/15/10.

Mureen Scott-Taylor and Debbie Dodson spoke in support of the application.

After discussion and clarification of details it was agreed that: The arches on the west façade windows and the south façade windows will be removed and replaced by rectangular, operable transoms. Additionally, the door on the south façade will be indented to align with the inside edge of the planter.

The Commission expressed a preference for not extending the chimney unless it cannot be avoided.

Mr. Bucher will update his drawings to reflect these agreements and submit same for office file.

The application complies with the spirit of the Guidelines on pg 58 R3..

Approved as noted above – Motion by Gill, passed 5-1, Sener dissenting.

Other Business

- none

Cc: Zach Smith

Roger Bollman, Chairman