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**MINUTES OF THE ROCKVILLE  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
MEETING NO. 4-2018  
Thursday, April 19, 2018**

The City of Rockville Historic District Commission convened  
in the Blue Crab Conference Room on  
April 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Matthew Goguen, Chair  
Emily Correll  
Laurie Kawa  
Anita Neal Powell

**Absent:** Rob Aichtmeyer

**Present:** Sheila Bashiri, Preservation Planner  
Cynthia Walters, Deputy City Attorney  
David Levy, Chief of Long Range Planning

**I. AGENDA REVIEW WORKSESSION (Blue Crab Conference Room)**

Chair Goguen introduced the members. He noted that the agenda review worksession occurred and that no decisions were made.

**II. COMMITTEE / ORGANIZATION REPORTS (Mayor and Council Chamber)**

- A. Peerless Rockville – Nancy Pickard noted that the final presentation in the Glenview speaker series was held on April 12. She also noted that Sharyn Duffin, historian and longtime advocate for Rockville’s history, was awarded a Montgomery Volunteers lifetime achievement award, and reminded everyone about the Historic Homes Tour to be held in the West End on Saturday, May 12.
- B. Lincoln Park Historical Foundation – No report.
- C. Public Comments/Open Forum – Nancy Pickard of Peerless Rockville expressed concern about new development in Lincoln Park, and requested that the HDC inquire as to how effective the Lincoln Park Conservation District has been.
- D. HDC and Staff Comments – Sheila Bashiri announced that the second public meeting on the Historic Resources Management Plan will be held on Thursday, April 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the Mayor and Council Chamber. She also announced the joint training with Gaithersburg HDC on historic preservation law on May 10 in Gaithersburg, and that the MAHDC symposium will be held at the University of Maryland on June 16.

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** March 15, 2018

*Commissioner Correll moved, seconded by Commissioner Neal Powell, to approve the minutes. The motion passed 4-0, with Commissioner Achtmeyer absent.*

#### **IV. CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL**

- A. Certificate of Approval HDC2018-00880, Montgomery County Division of Building Design and Construction** – Certificate of Approval to install monument and two wayfinding signs at the Grey Courthouse, 27 Courthouse Square.

Ms. Bashiri presented the staff report and recommendation, which was for approval of the signs. Other aspects of the application were previously approved.

David Heltemes of Montgomery County addressed a question from Chair Goguen regarding using the same base on the wayfinding signs as for the wayfinding signs.

*Commissioner Correll moved, seconded by Commissioner Kawa, to approve the application, with the condition recommended by staff, and the proviso that if the budget can accommodate the same base from the monument sign on the wayfinding signs, that is approved. If the budget cannot accommodate the additional funding, the signs are approved as proposed. The application was approved, finding that the application meets the Secretary of Interior Standard No. 9. The motion passed 4-0, with Commissioner Achtmeyer absent.*

- B. Certificate of Approval HDC2018-00886, Daniel and Evelyn Maddox** – Certificate of Approval to install a metal porch roof, reconfigure steps from public sidewalk, install handrails at front porch and replace front door light fixtures at 217 West Montgomery Avenue.

Ms. Bashiri presented the staff report and recommendation.

Evelyn Maddox responded to a question from Commissioner Kawa regarding the need for railings for the steps.

*Commissioner Kawa moved, seconded by Commissioner Correll, to approve the application, finding that the application meets the Secretary of Interior Standard No. 9. The motion passed 4-0, with Commissioner Achtmeyer absent.*

#### **V. EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE**

- A. Evaluation of Significance HDC2018-00884, Dennis (Qiang) Liu** – for an evaluation of significance to allow demolition of the existing dwelling at 214 Frederick Avenue.

Ms. Bashiri presented the report, which recommended that the property meets two of the criteria for historic designation but has lost its integrity, and recommends that the property not be designated.

Alexandra Dace Denito of 128 Moore Drive spoke in support of designation.

Nancy Pickard of Peerless Rockville spoke in support of designation, and explained the Secretary of the Interior's definition of integrity.

Anita Summerour of 715 Douglass Avenue spoke in support of designation, particularly since Frederick Avenue is considered the Main Street of the community.

*Commissioner Correll moved, seconded by Commissioner Kawa, that the Commission find that the property at 214 Frederick Avenue meets Criterion D of the criteria for historic significance, and Criteria A and E of the Architectural, Design and Landscape Significance, and further that the property meets the Secretary of the Interior definition of integrity. The motion passed 4-0, with Commissioner Achtmeyer absent.*

## **VI. DISCUSSION**

### **A. Old Business**

- 1. Historic Resources Management Plan (HRMP) Update** – Ms. Bashiri noted that the next meeting, an update from the consultant, would be on Thursday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m.

### **B. New Business** – None.

## **VII. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Goguen adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.