

Submitted: June 21, 2018

Approved: June 21, 2018

**MINUTES OF THE ROCKVILLE
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING NO. 5-2018
Thursday, May 17, 2018**

The City of Rockville Historic District Commission convened
in the Blue Crab Conference Room on
May 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Matthew Goguen, Chair
Emily Correll
Laurie Kawa

Absent: Anita Neal Powell

Present: Sheila Bashiri, Preservation Planner
Cynthia Walters, Deputy City Attorney
Jim Wasilak, Acting Director of CPDS/Chief of Zoning

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 – Miriam Bunam noted that the Historic Homes Tour held in the West End on Saturday, May 12, was very successful. Shel also noted that the Annual Meeting would be held on June 7 at Glenview Mansion. The Glenview speaker series will continue on Thursday June 14 with City Forester Wayne Noll presenting on the forest and trees on the property.
- B. Lincoln Park Historical Foundation – No report.
- C. Public Comments/Open Forum – None.
- D. HDC and Staff Comments – Chair Goguen noted the Commissioner Rob Achtmeyer has resigned from the Commission after seven years of service. The Commissioners gave former commissioner Achtmeyer a round of applause in acknowledging his service. Chair Goguen pointed out that the Commission now has one regular vacancy and one alternate member vacancy, and encouraged interested residents to apply. He also expressed support for the MAHDC training with the Gaithersburg HDC held recently. Sheila Bashiri announced that the MAHDC symposium will be held at the University of Maryland on June 16, preceded by the Preservation Maryland conference on Friday, June 15.

III. CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL

- A. Certificate of Approval HDC2018-00898, Gail Monahan and John Williams** – Certificate of Approval to demolish the garage and construct a new garage, install a new brick driveway, remove two trees, remove the CMU wall at the rear, remove porch light fixtures, remove the front door vestibule, install porch guardrails, and replace the basement windows at 301 West Montgomery Avenue.

Sheila Bashiri presented the staff report and recommendation, which was for approval.

Jeffrey Broadhurst of Broadhurst Architect, spoke on behalf of the applicants, and answered questions and provided explanations.

Richard Saunders of Germantown and owner of 18 Forest Avenue, answered questions posed by Chair Goguen on the nature of the property name and garage, and spoke in support of the application.

Andrew Sellman of 411 West Montgomery Avenue expressed concern about the public alley behind the property, which has been requested by the West End Citizens Association to be improved. He is also concerned about the proximity of the Forest Avenue driveway cut to the intersection with West Montgomery Avenue.

Commissioner Correll moved, seconded by Commissioner Kawa, to approve the application, with the condition that necessary variances be approved by the Board of Appeals for the garage, in finding that the application meets the Secretary of Interior Standard No. 9. The motion passed 3-0, with Commissioner Neal Powell absent.

- B. Certificate of Approval HDC2018-00899, Harry Tayloe of Toepfer Construction** – Certificate of Approval to construct a new garage to replace the existing garage that was destroyed by a tree at 149 South Adams Street.

Ms. Bashiri presented the staff report and recommendation, which was for approval.

Rich Schmidt, property owner, spoke in support of the application.

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 3-0, with Commissioner Neal Powell absent.

IV. EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

- A. Evaluation of Significance HDC2018-00900, Jorge Guzman** – for an evaluation of significance to allow demolition of the existing dwelling at 509 Anderson Avenue.

Ms. Bashiri presented the report, which recommended that the property not be found to meet the criteria for designation.

Jorge Guzman, applicant, spoke in support of the application.

Commissioner Correll moved, seconded by Commissioner Kawa, that the Commission find that the property at 509 Anderson Avenue does not meet any of the criteria for designation. The motion passed 3-0, with Commissioner Neal Powell absent.

V. DISCUSSION

A. Old Business

- 1. HDC Review of Adjacent Properties** – Ms. Bashiri noted that this topic would be discussed at a later date after consultation with the City Attorney’s office.

B. New Business – None.

VI. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Goguen adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.