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**MINUTES OF THE ROCKVILLE
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING NO. 7-2018
Thursday, July 12, 2018**

The City of Rockville Historic District Commission convened
in the Blue Crab Conference Room on
July 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Matthew Goguen, Chair
Emily Correll
Laurie Kawa

Absent: Anita Neal Powell

Present: Sheila Bashiri, Preservation Planner
Jodi Schulz, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Jim Wasilak, Chief of Zoning

I. AGENDA REVIEW WORKSESSION (Blue Crab Conference Room)

Call to Order:

Chair Goguen introduced the members present and staff, and noted that the agenda review worksession occurred, during which no decisions were made.

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

- A. Peerless Rockville – Miriam Bunow announced that the most recent speaker series session at Glenview Mansion was a great success, and an upcoming session on Education in Rockville would be held on August 9 at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater. She noted that the offices for Peerless Rockville haven been temporarily relocated within the Red Brick Courthouse due to work required in their regular offices. They should move back in by mid-August. She also noted that the nominations for the Peerless Rockville awards are due September 7.
- B. Lincoln Park Historical Foundation – No report.
- C. Public Comments/Open Forum – Miriam Bunow of Peerless Rockville expressed concern about the demolition requests for mid-Century resources that is occurring. She expressed support for a survey of such resources, and consideration of an expansion of the West Montgomery Avenue Historic District.
- D. HDC and Staff Comments –Sheila Bashiri noted that the Historic District Map Amendment for 214 Frederick Avenue was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission. The Mayor and Council public hearing will be on September 17. She reminded the HDC that the next meeting would be on September 27, rather than the regular meeting date for September 20.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 21, 2018

B. CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL HDC2018-00906

Applicant: Community Ministries of Rockville

Address: 111 West Jefferson Street

Request: For installation of storm windows

Commissioner Correll moved, seconded by Commissioner Kawa, to approve the consent agenda with the suggested edit that the June 21 minutes reflect that the consent agenda was approved per staff recommendation . The motion passed 2-0-1, with Chair Goguen abstaining and Commissioner Neal Powell absent.

IV. CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL

A. Certificate of Approval HDC2018-00902, Gail Monahan and John Williams – Certificate of Approval to construct areaway stairs and add porch lighting and fans. remove rear renovations and an addition, and rehabilitate the rear elevation, restore an original door on the east elevation bay, relocate two chimneys, install storm windows, install two AC condenser units, remove a pine tree, and install a wood fence at 301 West Montgomery Avenue.

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

Jeffrey Broadhurst of Broadhurst Architects requested modification to the lighting fixture and fan layout on the porch.

Commissioner Correll moved, seconded by Commissioner Kawa, to approve the application, with the modification as proposed by the applicant that there be four fans and nine lighting fixtures installed, in finding that the application meets the Secretary of the Interior Standard No. 9. The motion passed 3-0, with Commissioner Neal Powell absent.

B. Certificate of Approval HDC2018-00904, J. Chris Benjamin, Architect – Certificate of Approval to an accessible wheelchair ramp on the south side of the building at 108 South Washington Street.

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

Chris Benjamin of Ellison and Benjamin Architecture answered a question from the Commission.

Commissioner Kawa moved, seconded by Commissioner Correll, to approve the application, in finding that the application meets the Secretary of the Interior Standard No. 9. The motion passed 3-0, with Commissioner Neal Powell absent.

V. EVALUATIONS OF SIGNIFICANCE

A. Evaluation of Significance HDC2018-00903, Mizan Rahman – for an Evaluation of Significance for Demolition of the dwelling at 315 Beall Avenue.

Ms. Bashiri presented the staff report and recommendation, which was that the property did not meet the criteria for historic designation.

Mizan Rahman addressed the Commission in support of the recommendation.

Commissioner Correll moved, seconded by Commissioner Kawa, to accept the staff findings that the property does not meet the criteria for historic designation, and to recommend against historic designation. The motion passed 3-0, with Commissioner Neal Powell absent.

B. Evaluation of Significance HDC2018-00905, Meredith Grady – for an Evaluation of Significance for Demolition of the dwelling at 105 Lockett Street.

Ms. Bashiri presented the staff report and recommendation, which was that the property did not meet the criteria for historic designation.

Commissioner Kawa moved, seconded by Commissioner Correll, to accept the staff findings that the property does not meet the criteria for historic designation, and to recommend against historic designation. The motion passed 3-0, with Commissioner Neal Powell absent.

VI. DISCUSSION

A. Old Business – None.

B. New Business – None.

VII. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Goguen adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.