

Submitted: April 20, 2023
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**MINUTES OF THE ROCKVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING NO. 2-2023
Thursday, February 16, 2023**

The City of Rockville Historic District Commission convened virtually at 7:00 PM Via Webex

Commissioners Present:

Anita Neal Powell, Chair
Seth Denbo, Peter Fosselman, Michael Goldfinger, Mercy Shenge

Staff Present: Sheila Bashiri, Preservation Planner
Christopher Meyers, Principal Planner
Katie Gerbes, Comprehensive Planning Manager
Cynthia Walters, Deputy City Attorney
Jim Wasilak, Chief of Zoning

I. COMMITTEE / ORGANIZATION REPORTS

A. Peerless Rockville - Nancy Pickard, Executive Director

- Ms. Pickard announced the virtual presentation, Forging Freedom: Endurance and Escape on Rockville's Underground Railroad, will be held on Thursday, February 23rd.
- The presentation, Women Who Dared: Pioneering Rockville Mother and Daughter, will be held at Glenview Mansion on Thursday, March 9th at 7:00 PM.

B. Lincoln Park Historical Foundation - Anita Neal Powell, President

- Commissioner Neal Powell announced the LPHF will celebrate their 46th Anniversary on February 25th, the 18th Anniversary of the Leroy E. Neal African American Research Center, and Black History Month.
- LPHS will present their Annual Gospel Train Ride to Freedom Concert on Saturday, February 25th, at 4:00 PM. It will be held at Mount Calvary Baptist Church.

C. Public Comments/Open Forum

- No public comments

D. HDC and Staff Comments

- No comments

FURTHER DISCUSSION

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II. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items may be approved per the Staff Report without discussion. However, any person may request that the Chair remove an item from the Consent Agenda for discussion and public comments before the vote.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 19, 2023

Commissioner Fosselman moved to approve the Consent Agenda minutes as amended.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOTION: Commissioner Fosselman

SECOND: Commissioner Shenge

IN FAVOR: Commissioners Neal Powell, Denbo, Fosselman, Goldfinger, and Shenge

FURTHER DISCUSSION

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III. CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

A. HDC2023-01103

Applicant: Kelly Kalepe

Address: 401 West Montgomery Avenue

Request: Certificate of Approval to enclose a covered patio with sliding glass doors.

Commissioner Denbo moved to approve HDC2023-01103 as presented.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOTION: Commissioner Denbo

SECOND: Commissioner Goldfinger

IN FAVOR: Commissioners Neal Powell, Denbo, Goldfinger, Fosselman, and Shenge

FURTHER DISCUSSION

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B. HDC2023-01105

Applicant: Kelly Kalepe

Address: 401 West Montgomery Avenue

Request: Retroactive Certificate of Approval to construct a half-court basketball court in the side yard.

Motion #1 - Commissioner Goldfinger moved to Deny HDC2023-01105 as presented.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOTION: Commissioner Goldfinger

SECOND: Commissioner Shenge

IN FAVOR: Commissioners Neal Powell, Denbo, Goldfinger, Fosselman, and Shenge

FURTHER DISCUSSION

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Motion #2 - Commissioner Shenge moved to advise the Applicant regarding approvals and permits.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOTION: Commissioner Shenge

SECOND: Commissioner Denbo

IN FAVOR: Commissioners Neal Powell, Denbo, Goldfinger, Fosselman, and Shenge

FURTHER DISCUSSION

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IV. DISCUSSION

A. Old Business:

- Preservation Plan Update
(Historic Resources Management Plan)

B. New Business:

- HDC Rules of Procedure Update

FURTHER DISCUSSION

February 16, 2023. Agenda Item IV

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V. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Shenge moved, and Commissioner Fosselman seconded. Unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Bashiri

APPROVED