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**MINUTES OF THE ROCKVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
MEETING NO. 9-2022  
Thursday, October 20, 2022**

The City of Rockville Historic District Commission convened virtually at 7:10 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  
Jim Wasilak, Chief of Zoning  
Cynthia Walters, Deputy City Attorney  
Christopher Davis, Senior Planner

**I. COMMITTEE / ORGANIZATION REPORTS**

**A. Peerless Rockville - Peerless Rockville Staff**

- Executive Director, Nancy Pickard, announced that several in person events have been held at Glenview Mansion for the lecture series, and they have had two walking tours.
- Ms. Pickard said she was able to meet Commissioners Fosselman and Goldfinger in person at the National Community Planning (and Development Services) Month Celebration at Vis-Arts on October 19, 2022. She also noted that Peerless Rockville welcomed Comprehensive Planning Manager, Katie Gerbes and Principal Planner, Chris Meyers at their Board Meeting on October 13, 2022.
- Ms. Pickard discussed the Historic Preservation Work Plan and applauded staff's efforts.

**B. Lincoln Park Historical Foundation - Anita Neal Powell**

- Commissioner Neal Powell announced LPHF will host a "Taste of Black History, Culture, and Emancipation Educational Tour" on November 4, 2022.

**C. Public Comments/Open Forum**

- No public comments

**D. HDC and Staff Comments**

- Commissioner Neal Powell welcomed new HDC Commissioner, Seth Denbo, and Katie Gerbes, the new Comprehensive Planning Manager, to the HDC.
- Ms. Gerbes and Mr. Denbo thanked everyone for the welcome.

- Commissioner Neal Powell discussed the Virtual Maryland State and Montgomery County Joint Tax Credit Workshop that took place on September 27, 2022.
- Commissioner Neal Powell noted that she had been attending virtual workshops prior to the virtual National Trust Past/Forward Conference being held November 1-4, 2022
- Ms. Bashiri announced that Commissioner Neal Powell will present the HDC FY2022 Annual report to the Mayor and Council at their November 7, 2022 meeting. She requested the HDC members join the meeting to show support for the Chair and for the HDC.

### **FURTHER DISCUSSION**

October 20, 2022. Agenda Item I

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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:**

September 15, 2022

### **B. HDC2023-01092**

**Applicant:** Gabriel Wittenberg

**Address:** 628 Great Falls Road

**Request:** Certificate of Approval to install 19 storm windows.

### **C. HDC2023-01090**

**Applicant:** Elizabeth Pilley

**Address:** 105 South Van Buren Street

**Request:** Certificate of Approval to construct a rear deck.

**Commissioner Fosselman moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fosselman

**SECOND:** Commissioner Shenge

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

### **FURTHER DISCUSSION**

October 20, 2022. Agenda Item II-A-C

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### III. CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

#### A. HDC2023-01093

**Applicant:** Heather Gewandter, Stormwater Manager  
**Owner:** Mayor and Council of Rockville  
**Address:** 603 Edmonston Drive, Civic Center Park  
**Request:** Certificate of Approval to remove the existing dam on the Glenview Farm site to implement a stream restoration project.

**Commissioner Shenge moved to approve HDC2023-01093 as proposed.**

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Shenge

**SECOND:** Commissioner Fosselman

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

#### FURTHER DISCUSSION

October 20, 2022. Agenda Item III-A

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### IV. DISCUSSION

#### A. Old Business:

- Preservation Plan Update  
(Historic Resources Management Plan)

**Commissioner Fosselman moved to endorse the Preservation Plan Work Plan as presented and send it forward to the Mayor and Council.**

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fosselman

**SECOND:** Commissioner Denbo

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

#### FURTHER DISCUSSION

October 20, 2022. Agenda Item V

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#### B. New Business:

- Commissioner Neal Powell discussed the upcoming November 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> virtual Past/Forward Conference and making sure that Commissioner Denbo is registered.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Fosselman moved, and Commissioner Shenge seconded. Unanimous vote to adjourn at 9:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Bashiri

APPROVED