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**MINUTES OF THE ROCKVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING NO. 2-2022
Thursday, February 17, 2022**

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

Commissioners Present:
Anita Neal Powell, Chair
Laurie Kawa, Mercy Shenge

Staff Present: Sheila Bashiri, Preservation Planner
David Levy, Assistant Director, Community Planning & Development Services
Cynthia Walters, Deputy City Attorney
Christopher Davis, Administration

Chairman Neal Powell announced that Certificate of Approval HDC2022-01050 for 10-12 South Adams Street was postponed (Agenda Item III, A.).

I. COMMITTEE / ORGANIZATION REPORTS

A. Peerless Rockville - Peerless Rockville Staff

- Ms. Pickard made announcements about upcoming Peerless Rockville events.

B. Lincoln Park Historical Foundation - Anita Neal Powell

- Commissioner Neal Powell made announcements about upcoming Lincoln Park Historical Foundation events, and information about Josiah Henson.

C. Public Comments/Open Forum

- No public comments

D. HDC and Staff Comments

- Commissioner Shenge inquired about Peerless Rockville's Asian American and Pacific Islander research project.
- Ms. Bashiri announced that at their February 28, 2022 meeting, the Mayor and Council will possibly appoint two new HDC Commissioners.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

February 17, 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:

March 18, 2021

B. REVIEW AND ACTION - MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT APPLICATIONS:

TAX CREDIT HDC2021-01019

Applicant: Stephanie F. Yoffee

Address: 702 Maple Avenue

Request: Historic Tax Credit Application

TAX CREDIT HDC2021-01023

Applicant: Frederick and Patricia Evans

Address: 701 Grandin Avenue

Request: Historic Tax Credit Application

TAX CREDIT HDC2021-01024

Applicant: Jeanne O'Meara

Address: 419 West Montgomery Avenue

Request: Historic Tax Credit Application

TAX CREDIT HDC2021-01025

Applicant: Matro LLC/Matin Maghsoudzadeh and Robert H. Kirchiro

Address: 218 West Montgomery Avenue

Request: Historic Tax Credit Application

Commissioner Kawa moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOTION: Commissioner Kawa

SECOND: Commissioner Shenge

IN FAVOR: Commissioners Neal Powell, Kawa, and Shenge

FURTHER DISCUSSION

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IV. EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

A. HDC2021-01034

Applicant: Peerless Rockville Preservation, LTD
Owner: Hector G. Mora
Address: 500 Great Falls Road
Request: Evaluation of Historic Significance
(Designation Proposed)

Commissioner Kawa, finding that the property at 500 Great Falls Road meets Architectural, Design and Landscape Significance criteria a) and e) of the adopted HDC criteria for historic designation, moved that the HDC recommend historic designation of the property at 500 Great Falls Road.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOTION: Commissioner Kawa

SECOND: Commissioner Shenge

IN FAVOR: Commissioners Neal Powell, Kawa, and Shenge

Commissioner Kawa made a motion to recommend the Mayor and Council rezone the property to place it in the historic designation zone.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOTION: Commissioner Kawa

SECOND: Commissioner Shenge

IN FAVOR: Commissioners Neal Powell, Kawa, and Shenge

FURTHER DISCUSSION

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V. DISCUSSION

A. Old Business:

- The Commissioners discussed updating the Rules of Procedure.

B. New Business:

- The Commission discussed the upcoming meeting and future training.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Shenge moved, and Commissioner Kawa seconded. Unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Bashiri

APPROVED