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**MINUTES OF THE ROCKVILLE  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
MEETING NO. 3-2019  
Thursday, March 21, 2019**

The City of Rockville Historic District Commission convened  
in the Blue Crab Conference Room on  
March 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Matthew Goguen, Chair  
Laurie Kawa  
Anita Neal Powell

**Present:** Sheila Bashiri, Preservation Planner  
Cynthia Walters, Deputy 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 – Nancy Pickard announced that the Peerless Rockville offices were open although some work is ongoing. She also announced a program to be held on April 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Red Brick Courthouse on Josiah Henson, part of the Peerless series on the Underground Railroad. Another program will be held on Saturday, March 23 at 10:00 a.m. in the Red Brick Courthouse about Quality Hill, one of the earliest areas of settlement in Rockville. Cassandra Michaux of Montgomery County will present at the June 6 annual meeting on the archeology findings at the Riley/Josiah Henson home.
- B. Lincoln Park Historical Foundation – No report.
- C. Public Comments/Open Forum – None.
- D. HDC and Staff Comments – Chair Goguen welcomed Alan Tabachnick, candidate for appointment to the HDC, to the meeting. Sheila Bashiri reviewed her discussion with a group in Brunswick, Maryland interested in creating a new conservation district in that city. She also noted that the date for the annual training with the Gaithersburg HDC will be scheduled for May or June, and that the annual symposium for the Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions (MAHDC) will be held on May 18 in Frederick, Maryland.

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** February 21, 2019

- B. CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL HDC2019-00929, Mayor and Council of Rockville** – to replace the front porch and living room porch lights at Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Drive.

*Commissioner Neal Powell moved, seconded by Commissioner Kawa, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed 3-0.*

#### **IV. CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL**

- A. Certificate of Approval HDC2019-00930, Gohar Torosyan** – for an amendment to previously approved Certificate of Approval HDC2019-00922, to install landscaping around the existing parking lot at 101 West Jefferson Street.

Sheila Bashiri presented the staff report, which for approval.

*Commissioner Kawa moved, seconded by Commissioner Neal Powell, to approve Certificate of Approval HDC2019-00930, as it meets the Secretary of the Interior Standard No. 2 and Technical Guide # 7 and 8. The motion passed 3-0.*

- B. Certificate of Approval HDC2019-00932, Roger and Brenda Gibson** – to replace the front entrance door and surround, replace a window with a door, replace the garage entry door with a window, add stairs and handrails to the side porch and enclose the side porch with screening at 524 West Montgomery Avenue.

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

*Commissioner Neal Powell moved, seconded by Commissioner Kawa, to approve Certificate of Approval HDC2019-00932, as it meets the Secretary of the Interior Standard No. 9. The motion passed 3-0.*

#### **V. DISCUSSION**

- A. Old Business** – None.

- B. New Business** – Ms. Bashiri distributed potential dates for the joint training with the Gaithersburg HDC, and asked that commissioners email her with preferred dates for the training.

#### **VI. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Goguen adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.