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**MINUTES OF THE ROCKVILLE
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING NO. 5-2019
Thursday, May 16, 2019**

The City of Rockville Historic District Commission convened
in the Mayor and Council Chamber on
May 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Matthew Goguen, Chair
Laurie Kawa
Anita Neal Powell
Alan Tabachnick

Present: Sheila Bashiri, Preservation Planner
Cynthia Walters, Deputy City Attorney
Jim Wasilak, Chief of Zoning

I. COMMITTEE / ORGANIZATION REPORTS

- A. Peerless Rockville – Miriam Bunow announced the Second Day Ceremony for the stamp issued that depicts the WPA mural in the former Rockville Post Office. The ceremony will be on Thursday May 23 at 11 am, to be followed by a program at the Red Brick Courthouse. She also announced a program on the Riley House/Josiah Henson property, to be given by Cassandra Michaux on June 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Red Brick Courthouse, along with the Peerless Rockville annual meeting.
- B. Lincoln Park Historical Foundation – No report.
- C. Public Comments/Open Forum – Ms. Bunow commented about Goal 2 of the Historic Preservation chapter, and advocated for completion of the draft Historic Resources Management Plan (HRMP). Commissioner Tabachnick asked about the HRMP document, and when that would be available. Sheila Bashiri responded that the draft document would be presented at the next HDC meeting.
- D. HDC and Staff Comments –Sheila Bashiri reminded commissioners that the annual symposium for the Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions (MAHDC) will be held on May 18 in Frederick, Maryland. The HDC training with Gaithersburg’s HDC will be on June 4, location TBD. She also confirmed that the draft HRMP would be presented at the next meeting. Chair Goguen asked wither it would be incorporated into the HDC meeting, and Jim Wasilak responded that the format was still being considered. Ms. Bashiri announced that she observed a meeting of the Maryland Historical Trust, on which she will begin serving in July. Jim Wasilak announced Open Houses on improvements to the City’s development review process on May 21, 22 and 23.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 18, 2019

Chair Goguen moved that the approval of the minutes be deferred to a later meeting.

B. CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL HDC2019-00951, Gail Monahan and John Williams

Commissioner Kawa moved, seconded by Commissioner Neal Powell, to approve Part B of the consent agenda. The motion passed 4-0.

III. CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

A. Certificate of Approval HDC2019-00940, Qiang “Dennis” Liu – for approval to remove a rear addition, construct a new addition and construct a detached garage at 214 Frederick Avenue.

Sheila Bashiri presented the staff report, which was for approval, with the condition that the garage meet the rear yard setback requirements and that the applicant obtain required permits.

Commissioner Tabachnick moved, seconded by Commissioner Kawa, to approve Certificate of Approval HDC2019-00940, subject to the condition that the garage meet the rear yard setback requirements and that the required permits be obtained, finding that the work will meet the Secretary of the Interior’s Standard for Rehabilitation #9. The motion passed 4-0.

B. Certificate of Approval HDC2019-00942, American College of Dentists – to replace concrete and flagstone walkways with a tribute brick walkway at 103 North Adams Street.

Sheila Bashiri presented the staff report, which recommended approval.

Glenn Reynolds, architect for the applicant, addressed the HDC in support of the application.

Commissioner Neal Powell moved, seconded by Commissioner Tabachnick, to approve Certificate of Approval HDC2019-00942, finding that the work will meet the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation #2 and #9. The motion passed 4-0.

C. Certificate of Approval HDC2019-00950, Domenic Argentieri and Magan Dankovich – to construct a one and one-half story addition, replace rear doors and install windows at 315 Great Falls Road.

Sheila Bashiri presented the staff report, which recommended approval.

Sean Buehler, architect for the applicant, addressed the HDC in support of the application and answered questions.

Commissioner Kawa moved, seconded by Commissioner Tabachnick, to approve Certificate of Approval HDC2019-00950, finding that the work will meet the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation #9 and the relevant Technical Guide for Exterior Alterations. The motion passed 4-0.

IV. DISCUSSION

A. Old Business – Historic Preservation Element of the Rockville 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The Commission discussed the following topics:

- Demolition by Neglect
- Including mention archeological resources (Policy 5, page 5.9)
- The need for additional public comment and dialogue
- Mention of cultural resources, both above and below ground, should be increased
- The need for an appropriate balance of preservation and viability of resources (Policy 3)
- More information should be provided on the role of the National Register of Historic places and the importance of its role
- Provide more context on why certain districts were designated
- More explanation required for the protections afforded at the local, state and national levels, including National Historic Landmarks and National-Register eligible.

B. New Business – Staff and the Commission discussed the HRMP presentation and discussion that will occur at the next meeting. The Commission agreed that the presentation would occur at the beginning of the meeting and would allow for public testimony and questions.

V. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Goguen adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m.