

Submitted: July 20, 2023
Approved: July 20, 2023

**MINUTES OF THE ROCKVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING NO. 6-2023
Thursday, June 15, 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

I. COMMITTEE / ORGANIZATION REPORTS

A. Peerless Rockville - Nancy Pickard, Executive Director

- Ms. Pickard reported that in May, Peerless Rockville held its kick-off task force meeting for the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Cultural Heritage Project.
- The Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 27th, at 6:00 PM will feature a talk and mini tour by architectural historian, Teresa Lachin, about the rehabilitation of the Grey Courthouse.
- Partnering with Jerusalem Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church as part of the Juneteenth Celebration, a program called "How Freedom Came to America" will be held on Wednesday, June 21st.

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

- Commissioner Neal Powell announced the LPHF will celebrate the 132nd Anniversary of the Lincoln Park Community on Saturday, June 17th with the Hometown Historic Parade at 10:00 AM followed by a Celebration at Mount Calvary Baptist Church at 12:00 PM. For more information email lincolnparkhist@aol.com.

C. Public Comments/Open Forum

- No Comments.

D. HDC and Staff Comments

- No Comments
- Commissioner Neal Powell provided background information regarding Dr. Cheryl LaRoche and why she was selected for an MHT award.

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:

May 18, 2023

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

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOTION: Commissioner Fosselman

SECOND: Commissioner Shenge

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

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

1. TAX CREDIT HDC2023-01113

Applicant: Stephanie F. Yoffee

Address: 702 Maple Avenue

Request: Historic Tax Credit Application

2. TAX CREDIT HDC2023-01116

Applicant: Danielle Verbeck and Shane Creelman

Address: 550 Reading Avenue

Request: Historic Tax Credit Application

3. TAX CREDIT HDC2023-01117

Applicant: Janet C. Hunt-McCool

Address: 709 Grandin Avenue

Request: Historic Tax Credit Application

4. TAX CREDIT HDC2023-01118

Applicant: Arthur Rypinski & Jacquelyn Porth

Address: 307 West Montgomery Avenue

Request: Historic Tax Credit Application

Commissioner Denbo moved to approve the Consent Agenda Tax Credit Applications as presented.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

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

FURTHER DISCUSSION

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III. CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

A. HDC2023-01131

Applicant: Kelly Kalepe
Address: 401 West Montgomery Avenue
Request: Certificate of Approval to replace fencing and install landscaping.

Commissioner Goldfinger moved to approve HDC2023-01131 as presented.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOTION: Commissioner Goldfinger

SECOND: Commissioner Fosselman

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

FURTHER DISCUSSION

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IV. COURTESY REVIEW

A. HDC2023-01130

Applicant: Kelly Kalepe
Address: 401 West Montgomery Avenue
Request: Courtesy Review to retain the half-court basketball court with changes to make it less visible.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

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V. DISCUSSION

A. Old Business:

- Historic Preservation Work Plan
Formerly Historic Resources Work Plan (HRMP)

B. New Business:

FURTHER DISCUSSION

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Shenge moved, and Commissioner Fosselman seconded. Unanimous vote to adjourn at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Bashiri

APPROVED