

Submitted: September 21, 2023  
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**MINUTES OF THE ROCKVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
MEETING NO. 6-2023  
Thursday, July 20, 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 they had several events including a tour of the Grey Courthouse and the Red Brick Courthouse grounds, a lecture on the B&O Railroad Metropolitan Line in celebration of its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and a Lunch and Learn on the anthropology of the post-WWII housing boom.
- Upcoming events include a public art exhibit of Artist Deirdre Saunder's installations of mosaic tile art in a round Rockville on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Commissioner Neal Powell reported that LPHF celebrated the 132<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Lincoln Park Community on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> by joining the Hometown Historic Parade, followed by a day of cultural activities at Celebration at Mount Calvary Baptist Church. Discussions included the history of the community and hub of Black education.
- On July 8<sup>th</sup> LPHF participated in the dedication of Clarence "Pint" Israel Park ribbon cutting. The Mayor and Council unveiled a historical plaque that depicted the history of the Israel Family, and his career in the Negro Baseball League. LPHP sponsored a table that collected information from former students that attended Lincoln High, Lincoln Jr. High and Carver Jr. College during segregation.
- Chair Powell attended the statewide Preservation Plan public meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

**C. Public Comments/Open Forum**

- No Comments.

**D. HDC and Staff Comments**

- Katie Gerbes introduced Karyn Miller, the City's new Culture, Arts, and History Program Manager.

#### **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:**

June 15, 2023

**Commissioner Shenge moved to approve the Consent Agenda minutes as presented.**

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Shenge

**SECOND:** Commissioner Goldfinger

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

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

#### **1. TAX CREDIT HDC2023-01120**

**Applicant:** Americana Centre, Inc.

**Address:** 118 Monroe Street, #106

**Request:** Historic Tax Credit Application

#### **2. TAX CREDIT HDC2023-01124**

**Applicant:** Mark Navin

**Address:** 710 Thomas Street

**Request:** Historic Tax Credit Application

#### **3. TAX CREDIT HDC2023-01125**

**Applicant:** Edward Clifton and Caroline Ward

**Address:** 11 Wall Street

**Request:** Historic Tax Credit Application

#### **4. TAX CREDIT HDC2023-01126**

**Applicant:** Michael R. Holzman

**Address:** 3 Bullard Circle

**Request:** Historic Tax Credit Application

**5. TAX CREDIT HDC2023-01128**

**Applicant:** Kiyohiko and Joan Mabuchi  
**Address:** 402 West Montgomery Avenue  
**Request:** Historic Tax Credit Application

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

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Fosselman

**SECOND:** Commissioner Denbo

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

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

July 20, 2023. Agenda Item II

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**III. CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL**

**A. HDC2023-01132**

**Applicant:** Carolyn Hoch and Joseph Richardson, Owners  
Jeffery Broadhurst, Architect  
**Address:** 203 Forest Avenue  
**Request:** Certificate of Approval to construct a garage/shed with exterior lighting. Garage was previously approved at the July 15, 2021 HDC meeting (HDC2021-01031).

**Commissioner Shenge moved to approve HDC2023-01132 as presented.**

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Shenge

**SECOND:** Commissioner Goldfinger

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

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

July 20, 2023. Agenda Item III-A

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#### IV. DISCUSSION

##### A. Old Business:

- Historic Preservation Work Plan  
Formerly Historic Resources Work Plan (HRMP)
- Update on 401 West Montgomery Avenue basketball court

##### B. New Business:

- Pedestrian Master Plan Overview  
<https://engagerockville.com/pedestrian-master-plan>
- "The Avery Road Colored Cemetery and Smith Homestead GPR Survey" grant award from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority.

#### FURTHER DISCUSSION

July 20, 2023. Agenda Item V

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#### V. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Shenge moved, and Commissioner Fosselman seconded. Unanimous vote to adjourn at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Bashiri