



MINUTES

Historic Preservation Commission

April 11, 2023 7:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) of the City of Annapolis held its regularly scheduled public hearing on April 11, 2023 as a virtual public meeting. **Chair** Leahy called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Commissioners Present: **Chair** Tim Leahy, **Vice Chair** Bobbi Collins, Dr. Wil Scott, Leslie Xavier, Kevin Smith, Kim Finch

Commissioners Absent: William Williams

Others Present: Jacquelyn Rouse, Senior Planner, John Tower, Chief of Historic Preservation

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Leahy introduced the commissioners and staff. He stated the Commission's purpose pursuant to the authority of the land use articles.

A. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Tower reported that the potential switch to a hybrid meeting approach (in person augmented by Zoom) is unlikely at this point due to funding considerations; however, the topic may be revisited once the garage opens this summer.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Minutes of March 14, 2023**

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Vice Chair Collins moved to approve the minutes of March 14, 2023 as amended. Dr. Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 (Ms. Finch abstained).

2. Minutes of March 23, 2023

Vice Chair Collins moved to approve the minutes of March 23, 2023 as written. Ms. Xavier seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

C. NEW VIOLATIONS AND STATUS OF OLD VIOLATIONS

Mr. Tower and the Code Enforcement Officer recently toured the downtown historic district to identify obvious violations. They are trying to comprehensively and evenly apply the Code and Guidelines in attempt to mitigate violations and/or issue Notices of Violation, with the goal of having a positive impact on the streetscape. Many violations involve sidewalk cafes, furniture and lighting.

He is also working on reviewing all of the sidewalk café applications. They renew every year and it offers an opportunity for the Commission to have leverage over recalcitrant violators.

D. CONSENT DOCKET

None.

E. OLD BUSINESS

44 West Street - David Miles/The Drawing Board, Inc. – Enclosure of the rear parking area and construction of a new commercial kitchen and exhaust hood. (HPC2022-182).
CONTINUED.

F. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Chair Leahy led discussion about adjustments to Code Section 21.56, Ordinance O-15-23, adjustments to height requirements. He will draft the Commission's response and comments for distribution among the Commissioners. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting on April 27, 2023, before presentation to the Rules Committee before they meet on May 5.

Mr. Tower reported that the Saint Mary's Shoreline Project is making progress toward a new proposal, to be presented soon.

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G. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business before the Commission, Mr. Scott moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Xavier. The motion passed 6-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

The next meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission is scheduled for April 27, 2023 at 7:00 pm as a virtual meeting.

Kimberly Consoli, Recorder

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