Historic District Commission Minutes Thursday, November 3, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fulton at 3:03 pm. the following members were present in person: Glenn Fong, Debra Alms, Walda DuPriest, Town Administrator Rob Straebel, and staff Kim Shellem.

OPENING STATEMENT:

Chairman Fulton determined a quorum was present, he then read the opening statement into the record. He then swore in persons intending to testify.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Member Fong made a motion to approve minutes of October 6th as submitted, motion seconded by Member DuPriest and carried on a vote of 4:0 in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA:

HD-22-815

Greg Jones Replace standing seam with standing seam roof on porch roof only

415S. Talbot St.

Chairman Fulton called for any comments from the members. There being none he called for a motion. Member Fong made a motion to approve Application HD-22-815 as submitted, seconded, and carried on a vote of 4-0 in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

HD-22-789

Old Brick Inn French door replaced with sliding doors and 3/5 SDL

412 S. Talbot St.

Applicant was not in attendance.

Chairman Fulton cited Section 4.3 Doors and Windows page 18 of the guidelines.

Member Fong made a motion to continue application HD-22-789 to the December 1st meeting, seconded by Member Alms and carried on a vote of 4:0 in favor.

HD-22-806

Brandon & Erica Isennock

Chimney

117 W. Chestnut Street

Applicants returned seeking approval to replace the chimney with a prefabricated unit or install a facsimile chimney consisting of framing, plywood, and cover with Antique Philly Red thin brick.

Chairman Fulton noted that the property is valued as an "B" on the National Register Map, circa 1800-1815 finding a strict standard of review appropriate.

Chairman Fulton cited Section 4.2 Chimneys, page 17 of the guidelines.

There was no public comment.

Member Fong made a motion to approve Application HD-22-806 with the option to install a facsimile chimney consisting of framing, plywood, and cover with Antique Philly Red thin brick, seconded by Member Alms, and carried on a vote of 4-0 in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

HD-22-811

Donna Archambault 1 hanging sign

104 N. Talbot St.

Applicant is seeking approval to install a double-sided hanging sign (MDO) on the porch column or on a new free-standing post.

Chairman Fulton noted that the property is valued as an "C" on the National Register Map and referenced in Historic St. Michaels by Elizabeth Hughes circa 1883 known as the Rebecca West House finding a strict standard of review appropriate. Members concurred. It was noted that the hanging sign should not impede pedestrian traffic on the sidewalk.

There was no public comment.

Chairman Fulton cited Section 7 Signs, page 33 of the guidelines.

Chairman Fulton made a motion to approve Application HD -22-811 for a sign attached to the free-standing post, seconded by Member duPriest, and carried on a vote of 4-0 in favor.

HD-22-813

David & Susan Wojciechowski In-ground pool, patio, walkway

215 E. Chestnut St.

The applicant is proposing to install an inground pool with an automatic cover, patio, plantings, and walkway. David Wojciechowski, Nick Ries, and Bob Campion of CHLA presented the application.

Chairman Fulton noted that the property is valued as an "B" on the National Register Map and referenced in Historic St. Michaels by Elizabeth Hughes circa 1872-1875, known as the Jasper Tarr house, finding a strict standard of review appropriate. Members concurred.

Chairman Fulton asked about fencing, plantings, and proposed materials for the patio area.

Applicant agreed to return with the necessary information: renderings (illustration) of plantings as viewed from Mulberry Street and Harbor Road, screening, deck samples, and proposed materials.

Member Fong made a motion to continue application HD-22-813 to the December 1st meeting, seconded by Member Alms and carried on a vote of 4-0 in favor.

HD-22-814

CBMM Sign & Capstan

109 Mill Street

Pete Lesher and Branden Meredith presented the application seeking approval to install a sign and capstan (bit). The "sign" will be individual letters mounted on the siding.

Chairman Fulton noted the building is "new" and non-contributing thus a lenient standard of review appropriate. Members concurred.

Chairman Fulton cited Section 7 Signs and 8 Public Art, pages 33 & 34 of the guidelines. There was no public comment.

Member Fong made a motion to approve Application HD-22-814 as submitted, seconded by Member duPriest, and carried on a vote of 4-0 in favor.

HD-21-764Addendum 1

Talbot RE Holdings LLC Change to 2 front windows (Folding to Awning)

310 S. Talbot St.

Michael Hannon is seeking approval to change the 2 front windows from folding to an awning style windows, SDL, with automated opening.

Chairman Fulton noted that the property is valued as an "B" on the National Register Map and referenced in Historic St. Michaels by Elizabeth Hughes circa 1801 finding a strict standard of review appropriate. Members concurred.

Chairman Fulton cited Section 4.5 Windows, page 20 of the guidelines.

There was no public comment.

Member duPriest made a motion to approve Application HD-21-764 Addednum1 as submitted, seconded by Member Alms, and carried on a vote of 4-0 in favor.

HD-22-816

John & Elizabeth Low

Replace 3 doors and 1 set of 3 windows

114 E. Chestnut St.

Contractor Ron Carrion is seeking approval to replace 3 wooden doors with 15 lite SDL fiberglass doors and 1 set of 3 wood windows with 2 double hung (SDL)/1 fixed pane wood (SDL) window and 2 casement, 1 fixed pane wood windows, all located on the side of the house.

Chairman Fulton noted that the property is valued as a "C" on the National Register Map, not referenced in Historic St. Michaels by Elizabeth Hughes circa 1859 finding a strict standard of review appropriate. Members concurred.

Chairman Fulton cited Section 4.3 Doors and 4.5 Windows, pages 18 & 21 of the guidelines.

There was no public comment.

After a brief discussion members asked for more information regarding the doors.

Member Fong made a motion to approve the windows in Application HD-22-816 as submitted, seconded by Member Alms, and carried on a vote of 4-0 in favor.

Member Fong made a motion to continue Application HD-22-816 for the 3 doors, applicant to return with the spec sheets for wood doors to the December 1st meeting, motion seconded by Member duPriest and carried on a vote of 4-0 in favor.

HD-22-812

Farmers Market

1 flat wall sign

206 S. Talbot St.

Applicant is seeking approval to install a 36" by 24" flat wall sign on the back side of the Comfort station as approved by the Commissioners of St. Michaels.

As there was no representative for Application HD-22-812 it was continued to the December 1st meeting.

DISCUSSION:

Continuation of discussion on string lights in the commercial district. It was noted that The Galley has complied with the zoning violation and have removed the string light at 305 S. Talbot Street. Members felt the remaining lights at Corah's (105 N. Talbot Street) and Awful Arthur's (402 S. Talbot Street) were zoning issues. Members and Rob Straebel spoke of the string lighting at Wildset, as approved under the previous guidelines.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Minutes approved as submitted on a vote of 4-0 in favor on the 1st day of December 2022.

Jim Fulton, Chairman