



MINUTES

Historic District Commission Meeting

Monday, April 11, 2022 - 6:00 PM

Frostburg Municipal Center Meeting Room - 37 Broadway

The Historic District Commission Meeting of the City of Frostburg was called to order on Monday, April 11, 2022, at 6:00 PM, at the Frostburg Municipal Center, 37 Broadway, with the following members present:

PRESENT:

Dawn Hein, Mrs.
Maureen Brewer, Mrs.
William Determan, Mr.
Joseph Hoffman, Dr.
Robert Rephan, Mr.

EXCUSED:

Daniel Filer, Mr.

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Chair Hein called the meeting to order at 5:57 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. Authority

The Frostburg Historic District Commission implements the City's Historic Preservation Overlay District, of the Frostburg Zoning Ordinance, Section 4, as adopted in 2014, pursuant to the authority granted by the Maryland Land Use Article, Section 8, as adopted in 2012, of the Annotated Code of Maryland. This meeting is open to the public and is conducted in compliance with the State of Maryland's Open Meetings Act.

4. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Frostburg Historic District Commission is charged with the preservation of historic structures and the surroundings within the designated district in order to safeguard the heritage of the City, stabilize and improve property values, strengthen the local economy and foster civic beauty.

5. ROLL CALL

Chair Dawn Hein, Vice Chair Joseph Hoffman, William Determan, Robert Rephan, and Maureen Brewer were present. Since a quorum was achieved, Alternate Member Daniel Filer was not required to attend.

6. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

6.1. Commissioner Brewer made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Commissioner Hoffman seconded the motion, a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 7.1. Commissioner Brewer made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 2022 meeting as presented, Commissioner Determan seconded the motion, a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

8. PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

8.1. Public Art Proposal - 115 E. Main Street

Presented by Jamison Odone (Associate Professor of Illustration and Drawing, Frostburg State University)

****Please note that Chair Hein recused herself from the discussion of this presentation****

Jamison Odone, Associate Professor of Illustration and Drawing at Frostburg State University, described his proposal to paint a mural on the side of 115 E. Main Street with colorful birds. The project would invite community members and local schoolchildren to make their mark on the building as well. Commissioner Hoffman inquired what kind of paint would be used, and Mr. Odone explained that a high-quality spray paint would be used for the bodies of the birds, and Krink, a paint marker with highly durable ink, would be used for the detail work. Mr. Odone further explained that the trees lining the building will not be altered. Chair Hein inquired how the project will be funded, and Mr. Odone indicated that he has applied for a public art grant through Frostburg State University and also has obtained funding from the City's public art budget.

Moved by Mrs. Maureen Brewer, seconded by Mr. William Determan

With no further discussion, Commissioner Brewer made a motion to approve the proposal as presented, stating, "I have studied the application and all relevant documents and presentation related to this case, and I am familiar with the property in question. I find that the proposed changes are new to the neighborhood but are compatible because there is a general compatibility of exterior design, scale, proportion, arrangement, texture, and materials to be used. Based on these findings I move to approve the proposal because the use of exterior materials are new but closely similar in appearance to original materials or significant buildings in the District, pursuant to Section 4.1.J.1.c. and will be compatible with other features in the City's Arts and Entertainment District.

Carried

8.2. Public Art Proposal - W. Mechanic Street Parking Lot

Presented by L.J. Bennett (Director of Community Development, City of Frostburg)

Due to the scheduled presenter's illness, Community Development Director L.J. Bennett presented this public art proposal on their behalf. Director Bennett explained that this proposal originated from a call for artists released by FrostburgFirst, the managing entity of Frostburg's Arts & Entertainment and Historic Downtown business districts, which included a monetary prize and the installation of the winning design in a prominent downtown location. The winning design, a sculptural work titled "A Trellis to Remember" by artist Frank Asher, is made from two treated wooden railroad ties and a large simulated piece of "coal" connected to the posts with rebar and copper tubes. The sculpture is intended to honor Frostburg's railroad and coal mining heritage and will be outfitted with a small garden of native plants and solar up-lighting for nighttime illumination.

Commissioner Determan asked whether a interpretive plaque will be installed, and Director Bennett said she would determine whether the project budget has allowed for this.

Moved by Dr. Joseph Hoffman, seconded by Mrs. Maureen Brewer

With no further discussion, Commissioner Hoffman made a motion to approve the proposal, stating, "I have studied the application and all relevant documents and presentation related to this case, and I am familiar with the property in question. I find that the proposed changes are compatible with the neighborhood because there is a general compatibility of exterior design, scale, proportion, arrangement, texture, and materials to be used, including native plants. Based on these findings I move to approve the proposal because the use of exterior materials are closely similar in appearance to original materials or significant buildings in the District, pursuant to Section 4.1.J.1.c.

Carried

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

Community Development Planner Bethany Fife described two Administrative Approvals that were issued for vinyl window signage at 22 E. Main Street and for painted commercial signage at 82 E. Main Street. The colors for the painted signage at 82 E. Main Street were selected from Sherwin Williams' historic palette.

- 10.1. Staff Approval: Vinyl Window Signage at 22 E. Main Street
FYI Fingerprints

- 10.2. Staff Approval: Routine Maintenance & Upkeep Improvements & Painted
Commercial Signage at 82 E. Main Street
Baker Babes

11. ADJOURNMENT

- 11.1. Commissioner Determan made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded
by Commissioner Brewer, and Chair Hein officially adjourned the meeting at
6:49 PM.

L.J. Bennett, Community
Development Director