

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
HEARING MINUTES
JANUARY 24, 2013**

Commissioners

Scott Winnette, Chairman
Robert Jones, Vice Chairman
Gary Baker
Shawn Burns
Stephen Parnes
Tim Wesolek
Michael Simons
Brian Dylus, Alternate (not present)

Aldermanic Representative

Michael O'Connor

Staff

Lisa Mroszczyk Murphy, Historic Preservation Planner
Christina Martinkosky, Historic Preservation Planner
Scott Waxter, Assistant City Attorney
Matt Davis, Manager of Comprehensive Planning
Shannon Pyles, HPC Administrative Assistant

I. Call to Order

Mr. Winnette called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. He stated that the technical qualifications of the Commission and the staff are on file with the City of Frederick and are made a part of each and every case before the Commission. He also noted that the Frederick City Historic Preservation Commission uses the Guidelines adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation published by the U. S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, and these Guidelines are made a part of each and every case. All cases were duly advertised in the Frederick News Post in accordance with Section 301 of the Land Management Code.

Announcements

Ms. Murphy announced that the 2013 Historic Preservation Awards nomination forms are available on the City's website and they are due on March 15, 2013. The awards ceremony will be held in May. Also the City Historic Preservation Tax Credit application forms are on the City website and that is for any work that was completed in 2012 and those are due on April 1, 2013.

II. Approval of Minutes

1. January 10, 2012 Hearing/Workshop Minutes

Vote: 7 - 0

III. HPC Business

There was no HPC business.

IV. Consent Items

a. Cases to be Approved

b. Cases to be Continued

V. Cases to be Heard

2. HPC12-833

40 E. South Street

Elizabeth Sutherland

Add door surround

Lisa Mroszczyk Murphy

Ms. Murphy entered the entire staff report into the record.

Public Comment

Anthony Moscato, resident at 9 E. South Street, stated that he wanted to encourage the Commission to consider following the staff recommendation to not approving the application mainly because having lived on South Street for 9 years it is a very noticeable difference with having the arch surround. He said that in the applicant did refer to two other houses on the street with the molding over the archway but he wanted to point out that those are flat when you look at the windows that match up with the doorway so the moldings that were installed on those houses are more in line with that type of structure. He added that is they were to approve the application he thought that the molding itself is a little too massive in scale and too close to the windows on the upper level so it would need to be brought down if approved.

Motion: **Scott Winnette moved to deny the application to install a new door surround because it conceals or damages important character defining features of the building and because it is a conjectural feature. The motion is made based on both the Secretary of Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation page 11 #2 “The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alterations of features, spaces and special relationships that characterize a property will be avoided” and #3 “Each property will be recognized as a physical record of its time, place and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development such as adding conjectural features or elements from other historic properties will not be under taken.” From the Historic District Design Guidelines page 73 “All original features of an entrance shall be identified repaired and preserved and radically altering historical intact entrances will not be approved.”**

Second: **Shawn Burns**

Vote: **7 - 0**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Pyles,
Administrative Assistant