

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
HEARING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2013**

Commissioners

Scott Winnette, Chairman
Robert Jones, Vice Chairman
Gary Baker
Shawn Burns
Stephen Parnes
Tim Wesolek
Michael Simons
Brian Dylus, Alternate

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 on January 31, 2013 the City was awarded a Maryland Preservation Award from the Maryland Historical Trust for excellence in media and publication which is for the historic properties website that was completed as part of a grant project. She continued that it was the site the Commission reviewed and commented on and it includes the scanned 35mm slides from the 60s and 70s along with the contributing and non-contributing information. She went on to say that the link to the website is up on the main City website and the Historic Preservation page and it is also on the GIS site.

Ms. Murphy announced that the City along with Frederick County will be holding the Maryland Association of Historic District Commission Design Workshop on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 from 6:30 PM to 9: 30 PM at the Municipal Office Annex in Conference Room C.

Ms. Murphy also announced that the City Historic Preservation Awards nomination forms are available and they are due in March and the City Property Tax Credit for Historic Preservation applications are due in April.

II. Approval of Minutes

1. January 24, 2012 Hearing/Workshop Minutes

Vote: 7 - 0

III. HPC Business

- 2. Administrative Approval Report**
- 3. Code Enforcement Report**
- 4. Discussion Regarding Frederick High School**

Discussion

Mr. Winnette announced that he wanted the opportunity to discuss Frederick High School and some information was given to the Commission but unfortunately he was not aware of the schedule and the Board of Education meeting was prior to this meeting and they have decided to demolish Frederick High School so the Commission’s conversation would be moot at this point.

IV. Consent Items

- a. Cases to be Approved**
 - b. Cases to be Continued**
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V. Cases to be Heard

5. HPC13-02 Demolish garage <i>Lisa Mroszczyk Murphy</i>	10 E. 4th Street	Anne Warnock
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Ms. Murphy entered the entire staff report into the record.

Motion: Shawn Burns moved to find the garage at 10 E. 4th Street to be non-contributing because it does not have architectural or historical value and is not within the historic district’s period of significance and part because the existing garage likely dates from the 60s or 70s and is partially clad in plywood.

Second: Timothy Wesolek

Vote: 5 – 2, Gary Baker and Michael Simons opposed

Motion: Timothy Wesolek moved to approve the demolition of the garage based on the fact that it was found to be non-contributing subject to an approved replacement plan.

Second: Shawn Burns

Vote: 5 – 2, Gary Baker and Michael Simons opposed

6. HPC13-04 Install vinyl fencing <i>Christina Martinkosky</i>	108 W. Church Street	Mary Louise Riser
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Ms. Martinkosky entered the entire staff report into the record.

Public Comment

Thomas Litras, resident at 114 W. 3rd Street, stated that he was the chair of the committee that handled the sale of the rectory and they were extremely fortunate to have Ms. Riser buy the house because all the other offers they were given was to convert it into some kind of business. He went on to say that the decision to sell the house was very difficult to begin with and there were some people that were utterly opposed to it and have now been complimenting the church on their decision because they have seen what Ms. Riser has done with the rectory both internally and externally. He added that the screen on top of the brick wall has been beneficial to them as a barrier since they have so many different activities going on at the church. He mentioned that with all the traffic through the pathway he has not heard a single complaint about the vinyl structure. Mr. Litras stated that the church liked the screen because it prevents the vision of whatever is happening in the yard from the new building. He added that the prior rector was not too pleased when he found out that because of the height of the new building they could look down into his yard and as a result he used it very seldom. He stated that they would like to ask the Commission to consider approving the screen because they think it enhances the property and there are other examples of having similar screens and lattice work within the historic district.

Motion: Scott Winnette moved to continue this case to the April 25, 2013 hearing.
Second: Timothy Wesolek
Vote: 7 - 0

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Pyles,
Administrative Assistant