

**MINUTES of the April 19, 2022 of the Commission
(via Zoom)**

**May 14, 2022
Approved July 19, 2022**

Present. Members Bob Booher, Wendy Harris, Mimi Styles, David Stopak, and Jeff McCrehan. TC liaison Darrell Anderson was also present.

1. Agenda

1.1 Approval of Agenda. The Agenda was approved as modified.

2. Minutes

2.1 Adoption of April Minutes. Approved as amended.

3. Old Business

3.1 Alternate -Nancy Helme declined to serve as an alternate to the HPC.

Noted that nothing in the ordinance prevents a non-resident from serving as the alternate

3.2 Maps

Johanna sent Bob a new version; she wants to integrate the information and is working with Bob to complete.

3.3 Shared Use Path Liaison Group

Had an interchange of ideas. The Mayor made a list of issues to send to the new MC planner in charge of the path. Wendy sent information about historic buffer to the group. Notion of sending HPC comments on the report on the bike path will be deferred until an appropriate time.

3.4 Preservation/demolition ordinance

Making progress on the Demolition Ordinance. Wendy said the planner from MHT who is helping communities develop such ordinances reached out and emphasized his willingness to assist. David will be a part of the group that meets with the Planning Commission. Wendy will send the address.

3.5 Architectural Survey

Mimi has had 10 responses thus far, and the message is set to go into the May Bulletin. Need to work to determine how to massage the information that has been provided.

3.6 Signs

Mimi has contacted Susan van Nostrand but has not yet heard back. She will ping her again.

3.7 Committee Reports

3.7.1 Border – Focusing on WG Lane first, but still have planning session to include Railroad. Bob and Jeff will meet separately. Signs are up in the West Woods, and two more signs are in the offing -- one at Commercial Corner and one just over the Humpback Bridge.

3.7.2 Lighting Committee – The state bill that would enable the purchase of lights has not yet passed. Also looking at pathway lights at McCathran Hall and is working with the MHT to get approval.

3.8 Bulletin

Mimi advised that there will be one more call for input on the architectural survey.

3.9 PC Meeting Report – no one from HPC attended

3.10 TC Report

Town Council report – Submitted to HPC by Darrell. Darrell voted to accept the comprehensive plan and have 90 days to approve it. Council meeting on May 9 will set a day for a public hearing. Site plan meeting for the Pepco chargers happened. Five Pepco members attended.

Budget was also introduced.

4. New Business

4.1 Annual Preservation Award

114 Ridge Road Gary and Freda's new dormer.

202 Grove Avenue – Staneck – covered portico for the home's entrance facing Oak Street including a shed-type roof over the adjacent basement stairwell. Nice project – it checked all the boxes.

303 First Avenue - Amy Greenberg's house. The work she undertook did not come before the HPC, as no building permit was required. Windows at front-facing gable were removed and restored. The concrete porch floor was faced with brick. The siding on the front gable and recessed part on left side of porch was an asphalt faux brick and pretty deteriorated. That was replaced with hardy plank and painted. The four posts across the front were revised to put the original six posts in and painted white.

317 Brown Street – Kathy Evans. Screened in the front porch. Noted that her home had already received an HPC award.

119 Grove Avenue – Harary – Screened in porch.

The HPC voted and unanimously gave the award to Amy Greenberg.

Attendance at upcoming + Planning Commission meetings were set:

May 4 – Jeff, June 1 – Mimi, July 6 – David, August 3 – Bob, September 7 – Wendy

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned approximately at 8:30 p.m.

By: Jeff McCrehan