

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
HEARING MINUTES
JULY 9, 2015**

Commissioners

Scott Winnette, Chairman
Stephen Parnes, Vice Chairman
Dan Lawton (not present)
Michael Simons (not present)
Rebecca Cybularz
Carrie Albee
Chase Tydings, Alternate

Aldermanic Representative

Donna Kuzemchak

Staff

Lisa Mroszczyk Murphy, Historic Preservation Planner
Christina Martinkosky, Historic Preservation Planner (not present)
Scott Waxter, Assistant City Attorney
Matt Davis, Manager of Comprehensive Planning
Shannon Pyles, HPC Administrative Assistant

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.

I. Public Hearing – Swearing In

“Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the responses given and statements made in this hearing before the Historic Preservation Commission will be the whole truth and nothing but the truth? If so, answer “I do.”

II. Announcements

Mr. Winnette announced that he presented a letter to the Commission regarding the creation of a FNP site study committee to study and recommend to the HPC whether the FNP site and its affiliated structures are significant contributors to the downtown historic district. He added that the members of the committee are

Diane Daugherty, resident at 111 Record Street, stated that she has lived here for 17 years and they are a neighborhood and both commercial and residential have worked together and shared plans in order to have a beautiful streetscape and keep the historical significance. She said that they have no idea what the big plans is and it is alarming with what they are seeing happen. She stated that they are scared a lot of it is going to be parking. She went on to say that she understood that the Commission's hands are somewhat tied but she asked the Commission to find out what the overall landscape plan is and look at the bigger picture. She said that she wanted to close by going back to 1970 to a song by Joni Mitchell called "Big Yellow Taxi" and one line was "Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you've got till it's gone. They paved paradise and put up a parking lot."

Jan Gallart, resident at 119 W. 2nd Street, stated that the Commission's good work keeps the Frederick's historic district as one of the most beautiful and recognized historic districts in the US. She asked how the destruction of landscaping occurred and if what is proposed continues that vision.

Frank Gallart, resident at 119 W. 2nd Street, stated that while he is in agreement that the trees can be a pain they are the only trees they have. He said that there is no reason to take those trees. He added that if they were sick or a health hazard he could see reason for their removal but they aren't. He said that the Commission did not have to approve them being taken down and he understood that they could not make him put in five more trees that are foot in diameter but since they can't make him do that then they shouldn't approve them bring taken down.

Dale Dowling, resident at 121 W. 2nd Street, stated that she wanted to know how they got to this point because when she was on the HPC they did review landscape changes and they were concerned about screening parking from the street and historic areas. She went on to say that it was their concern when someone took down 75 year old Boxwoods that were on the historic streets. She said that she did not know what happened with the review process here or what change occurred in Guidelines that it is no longer the purview of the HPC to make decisions when in the mission it is stated that they are to protect the historic landscape and streetscape. She asked why she should have to look out her window or walk down the street and see what was beautiful Boxwoods now seeing a hedge torn out, the Boxwoods are torn up and there is nothing but raw land and parking on the corner of W. 2nd and Record Street, a half a block from City Hall in the most central part of the historic district. She asked the Commission to further review this but more importantly as they move into the process of redoing the Guidelines and taking a look at the procedures to come up with a strong plan and Guidelines that they can stand on and defend so that this situation does not happen again.

Motion: Scott Winnette moved to continue the case HPC15-449 at 116 Record Street to the July 23, 2015 meeting.
Second: Rebecca Cybularz
Vote: 5 - 0

8. HPC15-457 Replace porch roof <i>Lisa Mroszczyk Murphy</i>	248 E. 7th Street	Alona Darlyne Frye Michael Frye, agent
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Ms. Murphy entered the entire staff report into the record.

Motion: Rebecca Cybularz moved to approve the application with the following conditions:

- A non-pressure-treated trim board shall also cover the exposed side of the new 2x6 beam at the end of the porch.

- **The lattice shall conceal the rafter and beam along the side of the porch.**
- **The lattice shall not be pressure-treated and shall be finished with a wood frame.**
- **All new wood components shall be painted or stained with a solid color opaque stain.**
- **Revised drawing shall be submitted for staff approval prior to applying for a permit.**
- **A cut sheet for the architectural shingle is submitted for staff approval.**

Second: Stephen Parnes
Vote: 5 - 0

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Pyles
Administrative Assistant

APPROVED 7/23/2015