

LAYTONSVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 20, 2020

Present:

Charles Hendricks, Chair
Andy Drouliskos
Lisa Simonetti

Absent:

Susan Phillips
Jill Ruspi
Michele Shortley, Alternate

Attendees:

Jennifer Sizemore, Secretary
Cedric McNeal
William Agrafiotis and Jean Lamon

Opening:

Chair Hendricks called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. He noted that a quorum was present.

Minutes:

Chair Hendricks proposed postponing the approval of the minutes until Mr. Eric Wenger has a chance to review them; so moved without objection.

Public Hearing:

Historic District Work Permit Application 01-20, 7116 Brink Rd. (Cedric and Carla McNeal), Patio and Rear Steps: Mr. McNeal attended the December meeting of the Historic District Commission (HDC). In the January meeting, he showed photos of the material to be used for the patio. He said the back steps will rise 26” off the ground, short of the 30” that would require a railing per Montgomery County regulations. Member Simonetti clarified that the patio would be off of the kitchen entrance and would not be two stories. Mr. McNeal confirmed, and added that the patio would not be visible from Brink Road nor would other neighbors be able to see it because it will be flush to the ground. Chair Hendricks noted his appreciation for Mr. McNeal checking on the county’s requirements. Member Simonetti made a motion to approve the application as submitted, Member Drouliskos seconded, and all approved. Chair Hendricks told Mr. McNeal he would receive an approval letter in the mail within a few days.

Historic District Work Permit Application 02-20, 21714 Mobley Farm Drive (William Agrafiotis and Jean Lamon), Solar Panels: Chair Hendricks shared pictures of the proposed solar panels and noted the property is one of only two in Mobley Farms that’s within the historic district. The HDC members discussed the exact location of the house. Ms. Lamon said the panels will be on the rear on the house, and Chair Hendricks added that it will cover the entire rear roof of the house and half of the garage. Mr. Agrafiotis explained that the panels would not cover a portion of the rear roof and said the panels will be black to blend in with the shingles. Ms. Lamon said

the contractor is Celestial Solar Innovations. Chair Hendricks noted that the HDC had approved several recent solar panel applications. The group further discussed the benefits of solar panels. Member Drouliskos asked about approval from a Homeowner's Association (HOA), and Mr. Agrafiotis said their HOA was essentially defunct, so there's nobody to give approval. Member Simonetti made a motion to approve the application as submitted, Member Drouliskos seconded, and all approved.

Old Business:

Brochure for Town Residents: Chair Hendricks said the draft Member Ruspi prepared was still in process, and he would send a copy to everyone soon. Ms. Sizemore suggested having the brochure professionally designed and printed and agreed to do some research into the issue.

Miscellaneous: Chair Hendricks stated that the next HDC meeting is February 17, 2020.

Member Simonetti moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m., Member Drouliskos seconded, and all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Sizemore