CARROLL COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF TUESDAY JUNE 13, 2023

LOCATION: Reagan Room, County Office Building

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Edwin Gregg, Melvin Brennan, Jessica Penn.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Kyohei Abe.

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Dixon, Counsel; Hannah Weber, Planning Liaison; Randall Horner, Owner of Application Residence; Sam Weaver, resident of Uniontown; Ron Arthur, Resident of Uniontown.

New Business

- 1. **Introduction of those present:** The Commission members all introduced themselves as well as Tim Dixon, legal counsel, and Hannah Weber, secretary, and Planning Liaison.
 - 2. Approve the minutes from February 14th, 2023 meeting. Ms. Penn made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Brennan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
 - 3. New Business Application 23-05; for the painting and caulking of exterior at 3459 Uniontown Road by Randall Horner. Mr. Gregg opened discussion of this application to the Commission members. Mr. Gregg asked for a motion to accept the application with the information presented in it. Mr. Brennan moved to accept the application as submitted and Ms. Penn seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Gregg then opened the discussion to the applicant, Mr. Horner, to explain his application. Mr. Horner stated that they will paint and caulk with the same color that is existing there now. Mr. Horner said he estimates the last paint job was approximately three years ago but didn't seem to have been done thoroughly which is why they need to repaint so soon. Mr. Horner said he will be using Sherman-William's paint as this was recommended to him. Mr. Brennan asked Mr. Horner how he knew to apply to the Commission as the Commission has an awareness issue in the Uniontown community. Mr. Horner said he received a brochure in the mail explaining the HPC's role and also knew he had to apply from his neighbors' disclosure. Mr. Gregg opened the floor for public comment which there was none. Ms. Penn motioned to approve the application and Mr. Brennan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - 4. New Commission Member Discussions The HPC has 2 new members, the Chair felt it was wise for them to ask any questions as well as general housekeeping. Mr. Gregg opened the discussion to the new Commission members, asking if they had any questions regarding how the meeting runs or how to review applications. No specific questions at this time as Ms. Weber had an onboarding meeting with the new members earlier that day. Mr. Gregg said now that there are four members on the Commission, it may be a good time to update the HPC bylaws. Commission members agreed and this

will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Dixon explains the process of establishing a record for the HPC meetings, all HPC decisions are appealable to the BZA (Board of Zoning Appeals), and the HPC is a public body meaning they must comply with the Maryland Open Meetings Act. Mr. Dixon explains that health, safety, and welfare will trump any HPC decision and the HPC must still abide by zoning regulations. Mr. Gregg explains that this happens when a tree falls on Uniontown Road. Tree removals typically require an HPC application but when they fall in the road, it is a safety concern which supersedes an HPC application and decision. At the end of discussion, Mr. Gregg says there is usually no July HPC meeting cause of Fourth of July observance.

There being no further business and no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:31 p.m. upon a motion by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Ms. Penn and voted on unanimously.

The HPC does not hold July meetings. The next meeting will be tentatively scheduled for August 8th, 2023.

Approved by:

Edwin T. Gregg Chair

Respectfully submitted:

Hannah Weber, Comprehensive Planner Bureau of Comprehensive Planning

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