

City of Lewisburg
Historic Landmarks Commission Regular Session and Public Hearings
Meeting Minutes — August 14, 2023, 5:00 p.m.
942 Washington Street West, Lewisburg, WV
Paul L. Cooley Council Chambers

PRESENT: Commissioners Donna Johns, William Deegans, Adrienne French and Clifford Gillilan; Planning and Zoning Officer Marsha Cunningham; HLC consultant Michael Mills; Recording Officer Tina Alvey.

ABSENT: Chairperson David Craddock.

VISITORS: Mayor Beverly White, Nancy Morgan, Jayne Ford, Martha Hilton, Tom Campbell, Jane Matheny, Andrew Must and Tia Bouman.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Commissioner William Deegans..

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Clifford Gillilan moved approval of the July 10, 2023, meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Donna Johns. The motion passed 4-0, with Chairperson David Craddock absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Andrew Must approached the Commission seeking endorsement for the roof proposed for the house he is building on Austin Street. The house will have a standing tin roof with a folded hip, he said. HLC consultant Michael Mills said he sees no problem with that roof, and the commissioners informally gave their blessing to the project.

***Public Hearing:** Paul Skorish & Debi Wardlow, 1423 Washington St. East. Replace existing concrete with new concrete and original bricks from the house as edging and dividers.*

Applicant Paul Skorish described the proposed replacement of an aging concrete sidewalk on his property. Gillilan made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Johns, and approved on a 4-0 vote, with Craddock absent.

***Public Hearing:** Martha Hilton, 1034 Washington St. East. Exterior painting.*

The application specifies that the front and back facades of several buildings are to be painted new colors, to wit: Clay, Sage and Beautyberrie, with trim painted Vanillin and doors and shutters Ancient Burgundy. Owner of the property is Z2, LLC, represented at the hearing by Martha Hilton, who told the Commission the new facade colors are best described as light plum and light blue gray. Planning and Zoning Officer Marsha Cunningham advised Hilton that the buildings would need a primer coat before applying the new colors.

Gillilan made a motion to approve the painting project, seconded by Johns, and approved 4-0, with Craddock absent.

Public Hearing: Tom Campbell, 164 Greenbrier Ave. Demolish and repair existing driveway..

Applicant Tom Campbell told the Commission that he and applicant Jane Matheny are embarking on a joint project to replace concrete driveways on their adjacent properties with new gravel pads, copying the design found on some West Randolph Street properties. New sidewalks on both Greenbrier Avenue properties will be poured concrete to match others in the neighborhood. Cunningham advised Campbell to check with Public Works Director Tony Legg regarding the sidewalk construction.

Johns made a motion to approve Campbell's project, seconded by Commissioner Adrienne French, and approved 4-0, with Craddock absent.

Public Hearing: Jane Matheny, 150 Greenbrier Ave. Demolish and repair existing driveway.

Applicant Jane Matheny confirmed that her driveway and sidewalk replacements will match the style and materials described by Campbell for his project.

French made a motion to approve Matheny's project, seconded by Johns, and approved 4-0, with Craddock absent.

Public Hearing: Nancy F. Morgan, 197 W. Randolph St. Repair chimneys and consult on other repairs for the property.

Representing the applicant who is her sister Jayne Ford told the Commission that the historic home in question (the Governor Henry Mason Mathews House) has suffered marked deterioration due to ongoing water damage on its four chimneys. She said the necessary chimney repairs will include repointing and replacing brick as needed, along with painting to match as closely as possible the existing colors, and installing top hats on all four chimneys. Mills cautioned Ford and her sister not to allow contractors to use grinders or power washers to strip old materials from the structure, and Gillilan added general advice about the type of mortar that should be used on the chimney repairs.

Gillilan made a motion to approve the application, seconded by French, and approved 4-0, with Craddock absent.

DISCUSSION ABOUT PROPOSED PARKING SIGNAGE CHANGES: Cunningham reported that several people have contacted her office with requests to be allowed to use the same signage now in use at City National Bank. In light of those requests, she asked commissioners if they want to upgrade signs throughout the city to a new, ground-based wheel-stop style with lettering on the surface. Mills said such a change would provide a unified look and could tie in with the city's wayfinding project. Deegans suggested the commissioners think about the proposal and put a further discussion of the matter on the September meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Gillilan, seconded by Johns, and approved 4-0, with

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Craddock absent, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Alvey
Recording Officer