

**City of Lewisburg
Historic Landmarks Commission
Meeting Minutes ~ July 12, 2021
942 Washington Street West, Lewisburg, WV**

PRESENT: Commission chair Paul Lindquist; Commission members, Skip Deegans (via Zoom), Clifford Gillilian, Donna Johns; Planning & Zoning officer Marsha Cunningham, architect consultant Michael Mills, Recording officer Peggy Mackenzie

VISITORS: Michael Christy, Manny Fisher, Art Forgette, City Manager Misty Hill, Isak Howell (via Zoom), Jim Morgan, Sheena Pendley, Amil Stahl, Bruce & Cyndee Stapp, Mayor Beverly White

CALL to ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Commission chair Paul Lindquist. No public comments were offered.

APPROVAL of MINUTES: The minutes of *June 14, 2021* were approved as presented in a motion by Commission member Clifford Gillilian and seconded by Commission member Donna Johns. With all in favor, the motion carried.

ELECTION of OFFICERS: Chair Lindquist stated that due to extensive future travel plans, he declined to retain his position as Chair of the Commission. A motion to nominate Commission member David Craddock as Chair was made by Commission member Donna Johns and seconded by Commission member Clifford Gillilian. Johns also nominated Commission member Skip Deegans to retain his position as Commission Secretary, with a second from Gillilian. Both motions carried.

Public Hearing: *Mary Essig, 237 Lee Street ~ Install a 6-foot privacy fence and replace the back deck with composite decking with a black metal handrail*

Contractor Manny Fisher stated owner Mary Essig proposes to install a 6-foot wood fence at the rear of the property to be joined by 4-foot black metal fencing for the sides and front of the property. The deck will be made from composite decking materials and Fisher said a concrete sidewalk will also be removed from the yard. A motion to approve as presented with a condition amended by architect consultant Michael Mills to include to paint the fence at a later date and to return to the HLC for approval of a color sample. The motion was made by Commission member Johns and seconded by Commission member Craddock. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Public Hearing: *The French Goat, 290 Lafayette Street ~ Extend existing deck by 8-feet by 12-feet*

Michael Christy stated The French Goat is in need of additional cooler space and proposed the construction of another 8-feet by 12-feet of decking and enclosure to be added to the existing cooler deck at the rear of the building. Commission member Skip Deegans advised that according to HLC guidelines all mechanical systems should be out of public view. He suggested screening the addition with lattice and if painted to match the building color (white) would blend in with the rest of the structure. Christy agreed and a motion to approve with that condition was made by Commission member Craddock and seconded by Commission member Gillilan. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Public Hearing: *Sheena Pendley (Sheena Pendley Design and Photography), 846 Court Street North ~Install a hanging sign*

Sheena Pendley presented the design for the 24-inch wide by 15.5-inch high wood sign to be positioned beneath an awning and to hang parallel to the building. Mills questioned the wood quality and Pendley

said it was made for outdoor longevity and use. A motion to approve as presented was made by Commission member Johns and seconded by Commission member Craddock. With all in favor, the motion carried 5-0.

Public Hearing: Appalachian Headwaters, 122 Courtney Drive ~ Paint the exterior of the house Alabaster White and install solar panels on the roof top

Isak Howell spoke via Zoom requesting to paint the structure's exterior in Sherwin-Williams Alabaster White and to install rooftop solar panels from contractor Solar Hollar. He had two options to present to the HLC – 28 panels covering both slopes of the roof and 12 panels only on the sunnier east side. The roof has recently been covered in standing seam metal roofing as specified, he said. The panels will be set 18 inches from the edges of the roof and be inconspicuous by blending in with the roof color (grey). Deegans asked Zoning Officer Marsha Cunningham for more information on the visibility of the panels from the perspective of City's building Inspector Ray Still and from the state fire marshal. Cunningham said she did not see any problem with visibility from the street and only a little from an alley way. Still and the fire marshal okayed the project as well. Upon reviewing the project presentation and images, Mills said he also had no issue with either option (12 or 28 panels). Lindquist suggested reducing the number to 25 panels. A motion to approve the house painting as presented was made by Commission member Johns and seconded by Commission member Craddock. A separate motion was made by Commission member Craddock and seconded by Commission member Johns to approve up to 28 solar panels as presented. Both motions carried 5-0.

COMMENTS from the COMMISSION: Deegans, who is participating via Zoom from an out-of-state location, expressed concerns that the HLC sign guidelines may be lost, but Cunningham advised him they were not lost and are currently being distributed to applicants as needed. Deegans also asked if the HLC had received the requested "rough sketch of plans" for a proposed seat height brick wall from Christi Hughart since the last HLC meeting. Cunningham said they weren't ready yet. She went on to say in reference to other items from the June meeting that the signs for WVSOM's Clingman Center were okayed, but the hanging signs were reduced so as not to hang so low. Additionally, she said architect Mills has conferred with Katie Eades on the stucco style for her house and she chose a smaller stucco application for the exterior siding. Gillilian was confirmed that the Eades project is still in its design phase.

COMMENTS from the ZONING OFFICER: Cunningham then gave the floor to Michael Mills. With The Mills Group having been awarded to help with the guideline plans for Lewisburg's downtown area, Mills said he wants to set up stakeholder meetings in August with HLC members, Planning Commission members, the mayor and city manager and downtown merchants to do what he called "back-to-back listening." Hearing the needs and interests of all parties and really listening was the focus of the meetings so that by December a draft of plans could be developed to put to work by January 2022.

The next meeting will be held on August 9, 2021 with a deadline of July 23, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 pm in a motion by Commission member Gillilian and seconded by Commission member Johns.

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Mackenzie, Recording Officer