

City of Lewisburg
Historic Landmarks Commission Regular Session and Public Hearings
Meeting Minutes — April 10, 2023, 5:00 p.m.
942 Washington Street West, Lewisburg, WV
Paul L. Cooley Council Chambers

PRESENT: Chairperson David Craddock; Commissioners Paul Lindquist, Donna Johns, William Deegans and Clifford Gillilan; Planning and Zoning Officer Marsha Cunningham; HLC consultant Michael Mills; City Manager Misty Hill; Recording Officer Tina Alvey

ABSENT: None.

VISITORS: Jerry Janiga, Lance Syner, Wayne VanBuren, Erin Lovell, Janice Cooley, Tina Morris, Al Emch, Chad & Jennifer Poage, Kevin Thornton

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 4:55 p.m. by Chairperson David Craddock.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Clifford Gillilan moved approval of the minutes of the March 13, 2023, meeting, seconded by Commissioner William Deegans and approved 5-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

***Public Hearing:** Court and Stratton, LLC, 121 Stratton Alley. Update on Unit 3.*

Representing the applicant, Lance Syner noted that renovations of Unit 3’s Court Street facade is expected to take place in August. A storefront system will be installed within the existing masonry opening; the system will be crafted of a sapele wood trim with clear spar urethane finish and a recessed downlight above the door.

Deegans moved approval of the application, seconded by Commissioner Donna Johns and approved 5-0.

***Public Hearing:** Update on plans to restore the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia Law Library and Study, along with the adjacent building that had been used as quarters for the enslaved people of the Johnson Reynolds family (said building now referred to as Rhoda’s House).*

Representing the Greenbrier Historical Society which has leased the property from the city, Al Emch reported that the Mills Group has conducted an extensive study of both the 1834 Law Library building and the 1835 building now called Rhoda’s House, which is also on the “pink library’s” grounds. That study found the buildings are in “remarkable condition,” considering their age. Both are structurally sound.

The first stage of the planned restoration of the two structures will concentrate on the “denuding” of the buildings, in which the salmon-colored paint will be removed. This project will begin no earlier than June 18 and conclude no later than September 20 or 21 and will involve removing

guttering, downspouts, shutters and windows. Later, many of the bricks will likely be repointed, and a decision will need to be made on whether to choose a new paint color for the buildings or simply leave them natural brick. Also on the drawing board are plans to restore the shingle roof on Rhoda's House and replace the missing chimney cap on the northeast corner of the Law Library.

Deegans moved acceptance of the Historical Society's application for phase one of the project, seconded by Johns, and approved 5-0.

Public Hearing: *Shuck Memorial Baptist Church, 841 Washington Street West. Install three senior member parking signs and one pastor parking sign, measuring 18"x24".*

Church trustee Wayne VanBuren told the Commission that instead of installing the blue and white aluminum signs in question on the church building and the annex's fence, they will be attached to posts, in keeping with the city's preference. Consultant Michael Mills advised VanBuren that standard ADA signs measure 12"x18". Deegans agreed the smaller size signs would be more appropriate for Lewisburg. VanBuren said he will change the signs' size to comply with the Commission's recommendation.

Gillilan made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Johns. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Public Hearing: *Jill McIntyre, 975 Washington Street. Paint front door SW6903 Cheerful Yellow and hang a 25"x46" sign on existing bracket.*

Representing the applicant, Erin Lovell said plans for the color of the front door of Sweet Cedar & Co.'s business have changed from the yellow that was proposed on the application to a "Little Blue Box" color door.

Gillilan moved to approve the application, with the change of the door color noted, seconded by Deegans and approved 5-0.

Public Hearing: *Anne A. Gardner, 197 Maple Street. Placement of a 10'x12' outbuilding, white with black trim to match house. Also installation of 36"x80" fiberglass left-handed front door to be painted white. Aluminum storm door with retractable screen to be installed at same time..*

Representing the applicant, renter Tina Morris said she needs the storage space in the proposed outbuilding, which has already been ordered. She also said the front door replacement is needed because she doesn't feel safe with the existing flimsy hollow door..

Gillilan moved to approve the application, seconded by Johns and approved 5-0.

Public Hearing: *Z2, LLC, 779 Court Street South. Install 48"x18" sign, hanging on existing bracket.*

Applicant Chad Poage said the sign for an orthopedics practice will be fabricated of high-quality

vinyl. Colors are green and peacock blue.

Gillilan moved to approve the application, seconded by Commissioner Paul Lindquist, and approved 5-0.

Public Hearing: *Wooton, Davis, Hussell & Johnson, 916 Jefferson Street North. Erect a 48"x42" wood sign between two posts.*

In the absence of the applicant, commissioners discussed the application briefly. The proposed sign will replace existing signage. New sign will feature 22K Gold and Cast Black on a blue background.

Gillilan moved approval, seconded by Johns. The application was approved 5-0.

Public Hearing: *Ford Law Firm, 246 Randolph Street. Remove existing roofing and replace with Owens Corning Tru Def Onyx Black arch shingles.*

Representing the applicant, contractor Kevin Thornton of Special T Contracting Inc. described the proposed roof removal and replacement.

Gillilan moved approval, seconded by Johns and approved 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Gillilan, seconded by Lindquist, and approved 5-0, the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Alvey
Recording Officer