

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

DRAFT: Minutes for the meeting of  
Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission  
Montgomery Regional Office Auditorium  
2425 Reedie Drive, Wheaton, MD 20902

**The Wheaton Headquarters Auditorium and Building were OPEN  
to the public.**

**The Meeting was held via a Live-Call in Number made available to the public for those that could not attend in person.**

**PRESENT**

Chairman Sutton, Comm. Barnes, Comm. Clements, Comm. Pelletier, Vice Chair. Burditt, Comm. Hains, and Comm. Heiler were in attendance.

Comm. Radu and Comm. Doman were absent.

Rebeccah Ballo, HP Supervisor; Michael Kyne, Planner Coordinator, Dan Bruechert, Senior Planner.

**WORKSESSION**

The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission held a work session at 6:30 pm to receive staff briefings. The work session concluded at approximately 7:00 p.m.

**MEETING**

The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Wheaton Headquarters Office in Wheaton, Maryland.

I. **HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMITS**

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Motion: V. Chair Burditt, Comm. Barnes 2<sup>nd</sup>. (7-0)

Vote: Yea: Unanimous  
Nay: None  
Abstain: None

Action: Approved staff recommendations for approval of the Historic Area Work Permits as cited below.

- A. **POSTPONED** 7401 Piney Branch Road, Takoma Park (HAWP #962484) (Takoma Park Historic District); Robert Johnson for demolition of existing accessory structure, construction of new accessory structure.
- B. ---
- C. ---
- D. 3 Primrose Street, Chevy Chase, (HAWP #951380) (Chevy Chase Village Historic District); William Curtin (Outerbridge Horsey, Architect) for accessory structure fenestration alteration.
- E. 5 Grafton Street, Chevy Chase (HAWP #965661) (Chevy Chase Village Historic District); Jason Adams and Singey Steckel (Jordan Clough, Agent) for construction of new pool, fencing, and associated hardscaping, and alterations to existing garage.
- F. 3929 Baltimore Street, Kensington (HAWP #965639) (Kensington Historic District); Nathan Engle (Renee LaGue, Agent) for tree removal and hardscape alteration.

COMMISSION ACTION:

The Commission heard the following cases.

- C. 10902 Seven Locks Road, Potomac (HAWP #961430) (*Master Plan Site #29-15, **Scotland AME Zion Church***); Scotland African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (Rev, Evalina Huggins, Agent) for request to alter the grade and raise existing church, new construction, site alterations, new signage, and tree removal.

Speaker: Michael Kyne gives the staff report. This case was heard first. Brian Gafney, Desmond Grimball, (Antunovich), Carmen Potter (Glenstone), and Rev. Dr. Evalina Huggins (Scotland AME Zion Church) presented for the applicant team. The Commission asked questions of the applicant team. Comm. Burditt moved to approve the HAWP, Comm. Hains seconded the motion. Unanimously passed. Comm. Burditt moves to send a letter to the hearing examiner in support of the applicant's zoning variance request; Comm. Heiler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve HAWP V. Chair Burditt, Comm. Hains 2<sup>nd</sup>. (7-0)

Vote: Yay: Unanimous  
Nay: None  
Abstain: None

Motion: To send a letter to the hearing examiner V. Chair Burditt, Comm. Heiler 2<sup>nd</sup>. (7-0)

Vote: Yay: Unanimous  
Nay: None  
Abstain: None

B. 7719 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda (HAWP #) (*Master Plan Site #35/14, Bethesda Theater*); Art Display Company (Bob Biroonak, Agent) for sign alterations to replace marquee.

Speaker: Dan Bruechert gave the staff report. Bob Biroonak spoke for the applicant. He shared out physical samples of the lighting for the Commission to review. Deborah Chalfie, Art Deco Society of Washington spoke remotely via Microsoft Teams in support of the application with the staff condition. Comm. Burditt moves to approve the application in part to approve the backlit portion of the marquee and defer the portion on the row of bulbs top and bottom. Comm. Pelletier seconds. Comm. Hains moves to approve the HAWP with the rows of incandescent lights above and below the marquee be retained. V. Chair Burditt accepts the friendly amendment, and Comm. Pelletier accepts the friendly amendment.

Motion: To approve the HAWP with the condition the rows of incandescent lights and neon bands be retained and the portion with the LED for the marquee be approved  
Comm. Hains, Comm. Pelletier 2<sup>nd</sup>. (7-0)

Vote: Yay: Unanimous  
Nay: None  
Abstain: None

### III. PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS

Commissioners heard the following Preliminary Consultations and gave feedback to the applicants.

- A. 7719 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda (*Master Plan Site #35/14, Bethesda Theater*); Art Display Company (Bob Biroonak, Agent) for sign alterations to remove the historic neon and install new lettering.

Speaker: Dan Bruechert presented the staff report for the Preliminary consultation. Bob Biroonak spoke for the applicant. He shared out physical samples of the lighting for the Commission to review. Deborah Chalfie, Art Deco Society of Washington spoke remotely via Teams as well.

V. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

COMMISSION ACTION:

Action: Accept the minutes of September 1, 2021 if available.

- A. September 1, 2021

Motion: V. Chair Sutton, V. Chair Burditt 2<sup>nd</sup>. (7-0)

Vote: Yea: Unanimous  
Nay: None  
Abstain: None

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Commission Items

23601 Laytonsville Road - Jacob Allnut House (MIHP#23/123) Update.

Michael Kyne presented video and images of the site of the former Allnut House both before and after the recent explosion. Chair Sutton and Vice Chair Burditt noted that they visited the site with Michael Kyne, DPS Inspector Christopher Allen, and the owner within days of the explosion.

B. Staff Items

There were no Staff Items.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business, the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at approximately 9:34 p.m. Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.

An audio-video recording of this meeting is available online at <http://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/historic/historic-preservation-commission/>.