

TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Black Mountain Historic Preservation Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in Town Hall at 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, North Carolina.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Susan Leive, Chair
Matthew Turner, Vice Chair
Jay Parmar
Ron Collins

Staff:

Jennifer Tipton, Senior Admin

Others Present:

Sarah Vekasi
Nick
Fred

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and duly constituted and opened for business with a quorum of four (4) regular members.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Susan Leive made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ron Collins and approved by a vote of 4-0.

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

There was one change made and that was to add 6:00 p.m. under the call to order. Susan Leive made a motion to adopt the minutes of October 20, 2021, as amended. The motion was seconded by Ron Collins and approved by a vote of 4-0.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Certificate of Appropriateness Request – 105 Cherry Street

Jennifer Tipton presented the Commission with the Certificate of Appropriateness application for 105 Cherry Street to replace a rear deck. The existing deck is in extreme disrepair. The new deck will be constructed of pressure treated lumber and will be stained an earthtone color after it has dried out. The deck will be standalone deck bracketed into footers on an existing slab. The applicant chose not to attach the deck due to the existing damage that has been done to the bricks. The deck will be a fourteen-by-fourteen square deck. The Commission felt that all materials were in keeping with the district and did not see any issues with the size of the deck. Ron Collins made a motion to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness. The motion was seconded by Matthew Turner and approved by a vote of 4-0.

2. Mikkel Hansen – 112 Hilltop Road

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Mikkel Hansen owns the house at 112 Hilltop Road that was built in 1956 and was designed by Clyde Merrill, a local architect. The house was once known as 100 Hilltop Road and was once of the first houses built in the neighborhood. Mr. Hansen made a donation of an historic preservation easement to the Historic Preservation Foundation of North Carolina. An historic preservation easement is a voluntary legal agreement that is typically in the form of a deed which permanently protects a significant historic property. The house is not listed in the National Register of Historic Places and more than likely would not qualify for nomination due to its age.

3. Discussion of Mural/Artwork Regulations

Susan Leive provided a draft of some regulations for murals and artwork as a starting point. The Commission asked that language be added about disapproving murals and artwork that has offensive, obscene or inflammatory content. The title of Chapter 4 will also be changed to include murals and artwork. A contact list will be added to the front of the standards as well as a contact for maintenance concerns and complaints for awnings, signs, and murals. The color requirements for signs will be added to the murals/artworks section. The Commission also asked about providing packets for new owners in the Historic District that could include the standards and other helpful information. Jennifer Tipton said that she will bring a draft of the amendments for murals/artwork. Ms. Tipton will also bring a copy of the brochure that the commission created as well as the Town Council brochure and some other documents that might be helpful in a welcome packet for new owners.

4. Discussion of Chamber of Commerce Downtown Project

Susan Leive said that she heard about this project from the Valley Echo. The Chamber of Commerce has applied to Buncombe County for some of the Covid-19 relief money to purchase property on Broadway and Cherry Street to relocate the Chamber of Commerce and add a 41-car parking deck. There are parking standards and they require that parking be located in the rear and that a parking structure must have a building associated with it. There have been no updates on if this project will receive funding.

VI. COMMUNICATION FROM HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

None.

VII. COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF

Jennifer Tipton said that meetings will remain as a hybrid option until further notice.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Ron Collins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. The motion was approved by consensus with a vote of 4-0.

Prepared by:

Susan Leive, Chair

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Jennifer Tipton, Senior Admin