

TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Black Mountain Historic Preservation Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 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 p.m. with the following members present:

Jay Parmar, Chair
Amy Pate
Leigh Vidrine

Absent:

Matthew Turner
Richard House

Staff:

Jennifer Tipton, Senior Admin
Russell Cate, Planner I/Zoning Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. and duly constituted and opened for business with a quorum of three (3) regular members.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Amy Pate made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Jay Parmar and approved by a vote of 3-0.

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Leigh Vidrine made a motion to adopt the minutes of March 18, 2023, as written. The motion was seconded by Amy Pate and approved by a vote of 3-0.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. HPC Changes

Jennifer Tipton said that she is working on changes to the existing historic standards that will include changes to minor works, making sure any changes or amendments from the new unified development ordinance are in place, and making the document easier to read and follow. Jay Parmar suggested looking at Blowing Rock, Boone, and Greenville, SC for examples of their standards. Amy Pate asked if there were penalties or ramifications if someone deviates from an approval from the Commission such as changing the paint color. Ms. Tipton said she will check the ordinance and see what it says. Jay Parmar asked if there were time limits on a project. Ms. Tipton explained that there are time limits on the building permit and she will check with Town Attorney Ron Sneed to see if the Commission can impose their own time limits. Other items discussed were looking at the possibility of adding signage at the entrances to the historic district, having placards on the outside of some of the buildings, having a QR code that would direct people to the history of the buildings, and looking at the National Trust for Historic

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Preservation to see if they have an historic color registry. Ms. Tipton will have a draft in August that the Commission will start working on.

2. Training

The Commission and staff are required to have annual training as part of the CLG requirements. Most of the training courses in the last couple of years have been virtual, and Ms. Tipton will send out a list of those training opportunities. Once a member completes the training, then they just need to send a summary of the training to Kristi Brantley, who is the CLG/Local Government Coordinator.

Ms. Brantley will be in town in July and would like to attend the July 19th meeting and conduct an in-person training along with Jennifer Cathey, Restoration Specialist.

**VI. COMMUNICATION FROM HISTORIC PRESERVATION
COMMISSION**

Jay Parmar asked about the food truck at the Grange on Broadway. Ms. Tipton will check the approval and see if there was anything in the approval about the color of the food truck. As for the cow, Ms. Tipton will check with Mr. Sneed about that because it is not a sign and more of a decoration and will get clarification on if the Commission can regulate decorations. There was also mention of some pop-up tents at the Grange and Ms. Tipton will notify the Building Inspector and Fire Marshal to check on the tents.

VII. COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Prepared by:

Jay Parmar, Chair

Jennifer Tipton, Senior Admin