

TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Black Mountain Historic Preservation Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 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 6:07 p.m. with the following members present:

Amy Pate
Richard House
Debra Norman

Absent:

Jay Parmar, Chair
Leigh Vidrine

Staff:

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. and duly constituted and opened for business with a quorum of three (3) regular members.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented by consensus.

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Amy Pate made a motion to adopt the minutes of November 15, 2023, as written. The motion was seconded by Richard House and approved by a vote of 3-0.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Section 3 Review for Design Standards and Principles

Section 3 details the principles and standards for the exterior of structures. This includes doors, windows, storefronts, porches, roofs, and foundations. Jennifer Tipton went through each and highlighted the main principles and standards for each. The Commission suggested requiring maintenance inspections of structures on an annual basis. Debra Norman asked about the possibility of having a set of contractors who could provide the inspections free of charge and provide a quote or bid to the owner. Richard House asked how that would work with the Town's procurement laws and Ms. Tipton said she will check. At the very least, staff can provide a list of contractors who could provide inspections and do any maintenance or repair work. Ms. Tipton highlighted the new section of disaster preparedness and suggested that the Commission could do a workshop in conjunction with the Fire Department and the Building Inspector on disaster preparedness for the buildings downtown. Ms. Tipton said that there are about three more sections left to review in addition to the appendices.

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**VI. COMMUNICATION FROM HISTORIC PRESERVATION
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Debra Norman said that Amazon has lead testing kits for as little as \$18.00 for thirty kits and a certificate of a negative test could be provided to the business.

Ms. Norman also said that she had looked into the newsstands and that there are options available that group three or four spaces together and come in black or gray. Another option would be to require that the owners paint the stands. Amy Pate mentioned having a contest for artists to refurbish the newsstands and then a prize could be awarded to the winner. Ms. Norman asked about the news stands being on Town property, meaning the sidewalk, and Ms. Tipton said that she would have to check with the attorney because sidewalks are typically considered public space.

Ms. Norman also talked about the possibility of having a map available showing the buildings in the historic district with a brief description of what the building was in the past. The Commission could review the map every six months to ensure the content is current. It was also suggested that a map of local restaurants could be created as well.

Ms. Norman spoke about the CORE Strategic Plan and possibly having a walking map of the arts and crafts stores in the downtown district. Amy Pate mentioned Art Walk Nights that could be done on a monthly basis.

VII. COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF

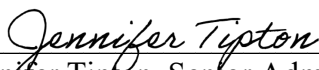
Jennifer Tipton said that Casey McKissick would like to take the Commission on a tour of the Ice House building. Ms. Tipton will send out some dates and times to the Commission and set up the tour.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Amy Pate made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by Richard House and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Prepared by:


Jay Parmar, Chair


Jennifer Tipton, Senior Admin