Laytonsville Historic District Commission Meeting Minutes, July 19, 2021

**LAYTONSVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

**Videoconference Meeting Minutes**

**Monday July 19, 2021**

**Present:**

Charles Hendricks, Chair

Andy Drouliskos

Michael McDonald

Jill Ruspi

Jennifer Sizemore

**Absent:**

Michele Shortley, Alternate

Mary Burke, Secretary

**Attendees:**

Mayor Jim Ruspi

Joy Jackson

Elizabeth Bladen

**Opening:** Chair Hendricks called the meeting to order at 7:30. He noted that a quorum was present.

**New Business:**

Swearing in Commission Members: Mayor Ruspi swore in Michael McDonald and Jennifer Sizemore as new members for 1-year terms. Reappointed member Andy Drouliskos was sworn in for a 3-year term. Reappointed member Jill Ruspi was sworn in for a 1-year term per her request. The members then made introductions.

* + Andy: Raised in Damascus, then moved to Laytonsville. Lives on Brink Road within the Historic District. Has been on the HDC since 2016. Owns a small painting company.
  + Charley: Grew up in New York State. Moved to Washington, DC, as a Federal Historian. Retired from the government in 2011. Moved to Laytonsville in 2005 and has been on the HDC since 2009. Has held the position of Chair since 2019. Also sits on the Parks and Trails Task Force.
  + Mike: Working as an Attorney. Moved to Laytonsville in May 2020. Lives in the Layton House. Has a 1-year-old daughter.
  + Jill: Has been a member of the HDC since its inception. Has lived in Laytonsville for 40 years. Chairs the Parks and Trails Task Force. Is married to the mayor.
  + Jen: Was secretary for the HDC for 2 1/2 years. Has lived in Laytonsville for 16 years.

Approval of minutes from June meeting: Member Ruspi made a motion to approve the minutes as edited. Member Drouliskos seconded and all approved.

Historic District Work Permit Application 02-21submitted by Elizabeth Bladen for roof replacement at 21412 Laytonsville Road:

* + Home was purchased in 2014. Completed roof replacement on carriage shed, and replaced the front porch. Did this through the Maryland Historic Trust.
  + Submitted an application with Maryland Historic Trust for roof replacement on the house in August 2020 and received approval in November 2020.
  + Will need alterations due to air flow problems that have caused some rot. A plumbing vent needs to be installed, as well as a ridge vent on the north gable.
  + Will be using a 30-year, black, flat, 3-tabbed asphalt shingle. The gutters will be white, half-moon shaped. This is what is currently on the house. All work will be in-kind except for cutting in the vent and an exhaust pipe.
  + Ms. Bladen anticipates that Shanco Roofing will be the contractor and has an estimate of $10k.
  + There is a large White Oak tree that has died due to Ambrosia Beetles. It needs to be cut down. Rock Creek Tree will cut the stump to ground level and remove all wood from the property.

Chair Hendricks asked if anyone would be harmed by the commission not having a public hearing. Member Drouliskos said no, because it is in-kind work. Chair Hendricks agreed and said that the roof replacement should move forward on the consent docket without a hearing because it is so necessary.

Member Sizemore made a motion to approve replacing the roof of the house as proposed, to include installing a new ridge vent on the north gable and a new bathroom exhaust pipe, painted black, through the roof, so long as specifications set by the Maryland Historic Trust are met, and that gutters may be replaced in-kind as required. Member Ruspi seconded and all voted to approve.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Member Ruspi nominated Chair Hendricks to continue as Chair for the next year. She stated he has done a wonderful job and is the right person for the role. All were in favor. The Vice Chair position has been held by Member Ruspi. She would like someone else to have the opportunity. Member Drouliskos nominated Michael McDonald and all were in favor.

**Old Business:** There was no old business.

**Open Forum:**

21521 Laytonsville Road**:** This home sold for 20% more than its appraised value, and it sold very quickly.

21520 Laytonsville Road: This house is for sale.

**Miscellaneous:** Chair Hendricks stated that the next HDC Meeting will be held August 16, 2021.

Member Ruspi moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48. Member Drouliskos seconded, and all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Burke