

CECIL COUNTY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
April 5, 2016

Present: Edwards, Ron & Audrey; Folk, Patricia; Simperts, Nancy; Sennstrom, Eric

Absent: Dawson, Mike; Dixon, Mike

Call to Order: Chairperson Folk called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Nancy Simperts made a motion to approve the January 2016 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Audrey Edwards. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

New Business: Director Sennstrom notified the Historic District Commission (HDC) that a request for a historic property tax credit had been received from the owners of the Keiffer Brick House. Director Sennstrom provided an overview of Chapter 337, Article III of the Code of Cecil County and provided a summary of the documentation provided to support the request. The HDC perused the documentation and determined that the expenses met the qualification for the tax credit. The HDC found that a property tax credit in the amount of \$2,421.40 should be granted by the County Council.

Motion was made by Audrey Edwards to recommend that the County Council grant a historic property tax credit in the amount of \$2,421.40 to the Keiffer Brick House. Motion was seconded by Nancy Simperts. Motion carried by a vote of 3 in favor and none opposed. Patricia Folk abstained.

Director Sennstrom provided an update on the joint meeting between the HDC and the Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions (MAHDC). He reported the meeting is scheduled for 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 29, 2016 at the Wellwood Club in Charlestown. The MAHDC is advertising the event on their website. The HDC discussed several topics of potential discussion with their colleagues from throughout the state. Ron & Audrey Edwards reported that they would be willing to host a tour of their home after the event for anyone who desired to visit with them.

The HDC examined the information regarding two individuals who have expressed an interest in being appointed to the historic district commission. The HDC found both individuals to be potentially productive members of the Commission. Director Sennstrom indicated that both individuals have been forwarded to the County Executive for her consideration and that hopefully one will be appointed to fill the existing vacancy.

Chairperson Folk asked the HDC to contemplate how the HDC could tailor its activities to comply with the County's Strategic Plan and perhaps identify ways that they could be more efficacious in preserving the County's historic heritage.

Old Business: The Historic District Commission had no old business to dispose of.

Adjournment: Chairperson Folk adjourned the meeting at 3:41 p.m.

Next Meeting: 3:00 p.m., July 5, 2016

Respectfully Submitted:

Eric S. Sennstrom, Director – Planning & Zoning