MINUTES Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

December 12, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jennifer Mainster Hanna, Chair

Paul Edmeades Peg Lucas

IN ATTENDANCE: Robert Fisher, Planning Department

Kathi Santora, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Brian Payne, Vice Chair

Scott Farley Steve Lober

Brendan Hopkins, Town Commissioner

Jennifer Mainster Hanna called the Historic Preservation Commission to order at 3:28 p.m. at Town Hall, 39 N. Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, Maryland 21014.

I. Administrative Matters:

A. Approval of minutes of October 25, 2018

Ms. Hanna noted that the June HPC meeting minutes have not yet been approved, but there still have not been enough members who attended that meeting together to review and approve those minutes.

She introduced the October 25, 2018 minutes.

Ms. Lucas asked for a correction: Page 3, paragraph 3. The sentence should read: Mr. Edmeades moved that the request submitted by Scott & Rachel Farley to replace existing porch boards and support columns on their home at 139 E. Broadway be approved, subject to review and approval of the post composition.

Mr. Edmeades referred to Page 8, third paragraph from bottom. Mr. Acquavella noted . . .

Mr. Edmeades referred to Page 10, fourth paragraph up. He thinks that painting the brick red will yield no impact for his business, but will be very costly to him.

Ms. Lucas referred to page 8, second paragraph. It should read: Ms. Lucas added that since the two portions of the building are currently different brick colors, any complete paint-over would reflect the same color.

Ms. Lucas referred to Page 12, fourth paragraph. It should read: HPC discussion summary: Ms. Lucas stated that Mr. Acquavella inherited a problem and compounded it.

Mr. Edemeades referred to the fifth paragraph on the same page. It should read: All members have stated at various times that the proposed new mural is a bit bright for the setting.

Mr. Edmeades moved to accept the minutes of October 25, 2018 with the above corrections. Ms. Lucas seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

II. New Business:

A. HA Review Andrew Pons, 338 E. Broadway

Mr. Fisher stated that Mr. Pons is currently residing out of state. He wants to replace roof shingles on his home that were damaged in a tree fall. Tyler Randlett of Kris Konstruction is present to answer questions.

Mr. Randlett noted that the tree fell on the roof, which is slate. Due to cost considerations, Mr. Pons is requesting that the roof be replaced with an architectural-style shingle. It would be a fresh repair to the entire roof. The work is covered by insurance.

He presented samples of the shingles. He showed the HPC a sample of a black architectural shingle that he is proposing. In answer to Ms. Lucas's question, he noted that slate is currently present on just the second story of the home. The wrap-around porch is covered with traditional shingles, not slate or architectural shingles. This repair would switch everything to architectural shingles so it all matches.

Mr. Edmeades moved that the request to submitted by Mr. Andrew Pons to replace the shingles on the roof of his home at 338 E. Broadway be approved by the Bel Air Historic Preservation Commission. Further, this approval is based on the following findings of fact: that the replacement of the shingles will improve the overall appearance of the property; the replacement of the shingles is compatible with the exterior design, scale, proportion, arrangement of the materials of the existing structure. The replacement of the shingles in compatible with the Town of Bel Air design guidelines for rehabilitation, maintenance and new construction. Ms. Lucas seconded the motion.

Ms. Lucas asked that the record reflect that the HPC believes that replacement with all slate would have been preferable. The HPC is allowing replacement of the slate with architectural shingles because there is already an inconsistency of materials on the roof. This current repair will unify the appearance of the home.

Ms. Hanna stated that the HPC will review the tax credit upon submission of receipts for the work.

Mr. Edmeades moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Lucas seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.