

TOWN OF MIDDLEBURG HISTORIC DISTRICT REVIEW COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



Thursday, April 6, 2023 PENDING APPROVAL

The regular meeting of the Historic District Review Committee was held on Thursday, April 6, 2023, in the Town Hall Council Chambers. Vice Chair Lee called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Deputy Town Manager Moore called the roll.

PRESENT: Punkin Lee, Vice Chair

William Anderson Virginia Jenkins Margaret Littleton Linda Wright

Cindy C. Pearson, Council Representative

STAFF: William M. Moore, Deputy Town Manager

Estee LaClare, Planning & Project Associate

ABSENT: Tim Clites, Chair

Approval of Minutes

Committee Member Jenkins moved, seconded by Committee Member Littleton, that the Historic District Review Committee approve the March 2, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Vote: Yes – Committee Members Lee, Anderson, Jenkins, Littleton, Wright, and Councilmember Pearson

No - N/A Abstain - N/AAbsent - Chair Clites

New Business

COA 23-07: Painting of Trim – 15 E. Washington St. – Atelier Design & Decor

Ivan Martinez appeared before the Committee representing the application. He advised that they wanted to paint the trim French Gray to match and be cohesive with the building at 13 East Washington Street.

The Committee agreed this would pull the buildings together.

Committee Member Anderson moved, seconded by Committee Member Wright, that the Historic District Review Committee approve COA 23-07as presented.

Vote: Yes – Committee Members Lee, Anderson, Jenkins, Littleton, Wright, and Councilmember Pearson

No - N/A Abstain - N/AAbsent - Chair Clites

In response to an inquiry from the Committee, Mr. Martinez confirmed they planned to install the new lights at 13 East Washington Street and advised that they were simply out of stock.

COA 23-08: New Wooden Fence – 102 Fox Run Terrace – Ann Margaret Baird

Ann Margaret Baird, the applicant, advised that they were the middle unit and would like to install a fence that would provide some privacy. In response to inquiries from the Committee, she advised that the proposed fence would connect and be similar to the existing fence to the rear of her property. She confirmed she would allow the wood to remain natural, with no color stain. Ms. Baird advised that if the fence was installed, she would still be able to access the property from the rear by stepping over her neighbor's fence. She confirmed the proposed fence, including the lattice, would be six feet tall.

The Committee held some discussion as to whether there would still be access to the rear of the property if the fence was installed.

In response to an inquiry from the Committee, Ms. Baird confirmed she had discussed the application with and received the approval of her two neighbors to install the fence.

Committee Member Jenkins moved, seconded by Councilmember Pearson, that the Historic District Review Committee approve COA 23-08, a request of Ann Margaret Baird for the installation of a new wooden fence at 102 Fox Run Terrace.

Vote: Yes – Committee Members Lee, Anderson, Jenkins, Littleton, Wright, and Councilmember Pearson

No - N/A Abstain - N/AAbsent - Chair Clites

COA 23-06 (S 23-03): Projecting Sign – 5B E. Washington Street – Tilley's Pet Supply

The Committee agreed they liked the sign and the bracket as proposed.

In response to an inquiry from the Committee, Planning & Project Associate LaClare reported that the proposed bracket was a new one.

Committee Member Littleton moved, seconded by Committee Member Wright, that the Historic District Review Committee approve COA 23-06 (S 23-03), a request of Megan and Drew Robitaille for a projecting sign at 5B E Washington Street, Tilley's Pet Supplies.

Vote: Yes – Committee Members Lee, Anderson, Jenkins, Littleton, Wright, and Councilmember Pearson

No - N/AAbstain - N/A

Absent – Chair Clites

Discussion Items

2023 Historic Preservation Awards

Planning & Project Associate LaClare reported that she had begun to assemble the awards. She asked that the Committee review the slate proposed during the last meeting one last time.

The Committee agreed they were good with the nominations as proposed.

Planning & Project Associate LaClare advised that she would extend invitations next week to the award recipients inviting them to attend the May meeting.

Committee Member Jenkins moved, seconded by Committee Member Wright, that the Historic District Review Committee approve the recipients for the Legacy Award, Signage & Restoration Award, and the Signage Award for the 2023 Historic Preservation Awards.

Vote: Yes – Committee Members Lee, Anderson, Jenkins, Littleton, Wright, and Councilmember Pearson

No - N/A Abstain - N/AAbsent - Chair Clites

The Committee thanked Ms. LaClare for her hard work on the awards.

Planning & Project Associate LaClare reported that she would reach out to the Joint Architectural Review Board regarding their awards.

Chief Panebianco Reception

Planning & Project Associate LaClare asked, on behalf of Town Clerk North, that the members RSVP to the e-invite for Chief Panebianco's retirement party if they had not already done so.

Quorum - May Meeting

Those members who were present indicated they would be present for the May 4th meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Rhonda S. North, MMC, Town Clerk

HDRC Meeting Transcript – April 6, 2023

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Punkin Lee: I have one. I'd like to call the April HDRC meeting to order, please. You gonna do the roll call Will, please. Thank you.

Will Moore: Mr. Anderson.

Bill Anderson: Here.

Will Moore: Ms. Jenkins.

Virginia Jenkins: Here.

Will Moore: Ms. Littleton.

Margaret Littleton: Here.

Will Moore: Ms. Wright.

Linda Wright: Here.

Will Moore: Council Member Pearson.

Cindy Pearson: Here.

Will Moore: Vice Chair Lee.

Punkin Lee: Here.

Will Moore: And Chairman Clites is absent.

Punkin Lee: Thank you. Next on the agenda, do we have anyone for public comment? It would appear not. So, we'll go right on through to the approval of the minutes. If everyone has had a chance to review them and if you have any additions or changes.

Virginia Jenkins: I make a motion to approve the minutes for March 2nd, 2023.

Margaret Littleton: Second.

Punkin Lee: All those in favor?

All of Committee: Aye.

Punkin Lee: Opposed? Thank you. First action item. COA 23-06 S 23-03. Request of Megan and Drew Robitaille for a projecting sign at 5B East Washington Street. And no one is here to represent them?

Estee LaClare: There is no one here apparently to represent them.

Punkin Lee: Should we drop that to the end? We can do the third one and then these two [multiple speakers]. Thank you. Okay, so we'll move to COA 23-07. Request of Terri Pakravan to paint the trim at 15 East Washington Street Atelier Design & Decor. And do you want to?

Ivan Martinez: It's becoming a monthly thing.

Estee LaClare: It is. Oh, I'm sure they can rustle. Oh, Margaret. That drawer.

Punkin Lee: Right. How are you? Good. Thank you for coming. Good. Good. You want to walk us through your application, please? Thank you.

Ivan Martinez: So, this is actually for.

Will Moore: Can you start by listing your name?

Ivan Martinez: Oh, sure. Sorry. My name is Ivan Martinez with Atelier Design & Decor. This application is actually for 15 East Washington. The previous visits that we've had here were for 13 East Washington. But we actually want to go ahead and paint the trim on 15 East Washington to match and be a little more cohesive with 13 East. So, we were hoping to get it approved for painting the trim classic French gray, which is what we painted the trim next door.

Punkin Lee: Thank you. Bill, should we start with you?

Bill Anderson: Sure. I was just in that shop about an hour ago and looking at the outside and I thought it looked terrific, by the way.

Ivan Martinez: Thank you.

Bill Anderson: And so, I have no problem with that, this application at all.

Punkin Lee: Thank you. Margaret.

Margaret Littleton: I agree. I think it looks fine.

Punkin Lee: Thank you, Cindy, or Linda.

Linda Wright: I would agree. I think it would look much nicer and just pull them together.

Punkin Lee: Virginia.

Virginia Jenkins: Me too.

Punkin Lee: Cindy.

Cindy Pearson: That meets the requirements so, sure.

Punkin Lee: I agree also. And the new building looks. The new business building looks lovely.

Ivan Martinez: I'm super happy with it.

Cindy Pearson: Good. Hope you're busy.

Ivan Martinez: Thank you. Yeah, it's been great with the warm weather so.

Punkin Lee: Good.

Ivan Martinez: Hope it keeps up. Yeah.

Punkin Lee: What is going to go on the other, the original?

Ivan Martinez: So that's going to be our dedicated design center. So that's where we're going to have our presentation area and really just do more of the interior design part of the business. Yeah. So, we're not crammed up anymore. We're just able to space out everything a little bit better.

Punkin Lee: Nice. Is there any further discussion on this paint? Do I have a motion?

Bill Anderson: I'll make a motion. COA 23-07 to approve as presented.

Punkin Lee: Is there a second?

Virginia Jenkins: Second.

Punkin Lee: All those in favor?

All of Committee: Aye.

Punkin Lee: Opposed. Thank you. I just have just one curious question.

Ivan Martinez: Sure.

Punkin Lee: When you were here before, we talked about the lights on the.

Ivan Martinez: Yes.

Punkin Lee: I didn't know if that was going to have a change or not. Just curious, not pushing.

Ivan Martinez: Yeah, No, so we got approved for it and we're like, yes, time to go. But then, of course, it got back. It's out of stock now. [laughter] And so just our luck. But we're still on standby and we're just checking every day to make sure.

Punkin Lee: That'll be nice. That'll [multiple speakers].

Ivan Martinez: Yeah, we can't wait. That's like we got the signage up. I don't know if you guys saw that.

Punkin Lee: Yes.

Ivan Martinez: We're super happy with that. And once the lights come in, I think it'll really complete it

Punkin Lee: That'll be nice. [multiple speakers]

Bill Anderson: Nature of your business.

Ivan Martinez: I know, it really is.

Punkin Lee: So, hurry up and wait.

Ivan Martinez: Yeah, exactly.

Punkin Lee: Thank you so much.

Ivan Martinez: Yeah. Thank you. [multiple speakers]

Punkin Lee: Thanks for coming in.

Ivan Martinez: Y'all take care. See you next month, maybe. [laughter] [multiple speakers]

Cindy Pearson: Anytime.

Punkin Lee: Thank you. The next one is COA 23-08 request of Ann Margaret Baird for the installation of new wooden fencing at 102 Fox Run Terrace. Welcome. If you would like to introduce yourself and walk us through your project.

Ann Margaret Baird: Sure. My name is Ann Margaret Baird. We had just moved to town here maybe two months ago, two and a half months ago. So, in the three-unit townhome that we reside in, I am in the middle unit, I have a neighbor to the left, very untidy backyard. I would like to not see it. My neighbor to the right it's beautiful. We like it. We would have liked to have done something similar, but it doesn't provide enough privacy. So, I made a point of looking at the eight other units that are on Hunt Court, made sure to take pictures of those to make sure that it follows suit with that. So, I looked into the six-foot-tall maximum wood fence, but with a nice lattice on it, just one to separate my house from one neighbor.

Punkin Lee: Thank you. Cindy.

Cindy Pearson: I have no comments. If it meets the regulations, I'm good.

Punkin Lee: You look puzzled, Virginia.

Virginia Jenkins: I'm puzzled.

Cindy Pearson: Well, I was puzzled at first, too.

Punkin Lee: Yeah.

Virginia Jenkins: There is no fence now, right?

Ann Margaret Baird: Correct. Well, there is. It is a bike fence.

Virginia Jenkins: And it's not very tall.

Ann Margaret Baird: No, so.

Virginia Jenkins: I mean, behind you if.

Ann Margaret Baird: Oh, behind my house is another. [multiple speakers] Yes. Correct. That separates us from what used to be another gentleman's house behind us. And so that would kind of look exactly like that, very similar and would be connected to that fence. So, it follows suit to what that fence looks like. But now to my left of that, when I walk out my back door, there's no fence there. There is a makeshift fence. Looks like a bike rack. Yeah, I think a plastic, a big plastic pony. [laughter]

Cindy Pearson: Got all kinds of options.

Ann Margaret Baird: And a yoga tote.

Cindy Pearson: And a dog cage.

Ann Margaret Baird: Yes. [off mic] So it would blend nicely with that back fence.

Virginia Jenkins: Sure.

Bill Anderson: Yeah.

Ann Margaret Baird: And also match, I believe it's 3 or 4 fences on Hunt Court, which is all part of the same community.

Punkin Lee: Does that answer your question, Virginia?

Virginia Jenkins: It does.

Punkin Lee: Okay. Thank you. Linda.

Linda Wright: No, I'm good. I guess and a question. Would you ever paint or stain or do anything down the road or just let it?

Ann Margaret Baird: Let it be natural. Yeah, I mean, it's going to have a stain to it. I mean, obviously a coat, so it keeps its nice treatment. But we have no plans. [multiple speakers] No, not to color it, not to stain and. No.

Virginia Jenkins: Okay, natural. [multiple speakers]

Bill Anderson: When you go out your back and you go left or right, can you get out around the townhouses?

Ann Margaret Baird: I can't. So, to the left if we were to.

Bill Anderson: Walk out the door.

Ann Margaret Baird: Or be able to get a fence put up, you could still remove there's like a fire escape trap. So, I'd have it off that far so you could still move the there's like a trap that goes downstairs to a lower bedroom. But that lower bedroom also has its own entrance. It's almost like an English basement, so it has its own entrance out. My neighbor, I'm six feet tall. I could literally step over my neighbor to the right, her little wrought iron fence that has like small bushes. And she was very clear. If ever there were to be a fire or anything.

Bill Anderson: Right.

Ann Margaret Baird: I could step literally over it.

Bill Anderson: So, if you put a fence up now, how would you in let's say there was a fire, how would you get out through the back?

Ann Margaret Baird: On the right-hand side, my right-hand neighbor's yard. [multiple speakers] It's this tall

Punkin Lee: So, in putting.

Bill Anderson: That's my only concern was, you know.

Punkin Lee: Yes. Good question.

Ann Margaret Baird: Do the same thing it's so pretty but it just does not provide the privacy we need from our other neighbor.

Punkin Lee: Margaret.

Margaret Littleton: Is the total height, including the lattice 6ft or 8ft?

Ann Margaret Baird: Six.

Margaret Littleton: Six. I think it's nice. Yeah.

Punkin Lee: Would it be one one of those panels would do the whole thing or do you have to have two? It's just it looks like two, but then.

Ann Margaret Baird: So, from what the gentleman that came out, he was saying it's going to be module, they'll bring it in over our neighbor Randy's fence and then or just the little fence. And so, it's going to go flush across. Well, you could probably notice on the back of our backyard, there's like a little lip, right. So, there's concrete that comes down and there's about this much land between that lip and where the neighbor behind us house. Now I personally, because I am fond of all the cats in the neighborhood, wanted to leave that little area open so that if a cat needed to get through my husband, not so much so that that would have a little post and anchor it to that wood fence. So, it's not going to be like this. It's really going to be just six across and then have a post right by that fence. The other one's the reason you see all the different grades to it are because they're ground units. Our house is you're looking at it one, two, three and then a fourth. So that grade is only in the back. It's just one level.

Punkin Lee: Right.

Ann Margaret Baird: Whereas on Hunt Court, they're ground level. That's why.

Bill Anderson: Those ground units, where do they exit from the front of the house?

Ann Margaret Baird: Yes.

Bill Anderson: Okay. So, these are more light wells for the ground units. This area that's graded, it's a light well.

Ann Margaret Baird: What does that mean?

Bill Anderson: That means that there's a window down in that hole underneath the grate.

Ann Margaret Baird: Oh, yes, there's a window there.

Bill Anderson: Okay.

Ann Margaret Baird: Yep. And it is not [multiple speakers]

Bill Anderson: Not exits, but there.

Ann Margaret Baird: It's not an emergency exit.

Bill Anderson: I don't know.

Ann Margaret Baird: It could be.

Bill Anderson: I don't know that's the point.

Ann Margaret Baird: So, what I wanted to do was to factor that it could be. Now, mind you, there is a front entrance right out to the parking lot. So, if you go through that first ground level, there's an entire living area there. And the back bedroom, that's the window that would be underneath the graded area. I made sure to meet code with the fence guy that it needs to be off the graded area enough that if I ever had to move and pull it over that we had that wiggle room, so to speak, so it wouldn't be dangerous.

Bill Anderson: One last question. Had you talked to your neighbor about this fence?

Ann Margaret Baird: I did.

Bill Anderson: And?

Ann Margaret Baird: I got approval for both.

Bill Anderson: Good. What about now you own this, right?

Ann Margaret Baird: Correct.

Bill Anderson: Got it. Okay.

Cindy Pearson: [inaudible] Good. Go away pollen.

Punkin Lee: Sounds like you've asked and done all your homework. And you can still get out, which is important.

Ann Margaret Baird: Yes.

Punkin Lee: I think it's going to look very nice and definitely give you a little privacy. Keep the neighborhood peace.

Ann Margaret Baird: Thank you.

Punkin Lee: Are there any other questions from anyone? Any further discussion? Do we have a motion?

Virginia Jenkins: I make a motion to approve COA 23-08 request of Ann Margaret Baird for the installation of a new wooden fence at 102 Fox Run Home Terrace.

Punkin Lee: Is there a second?

Cindy Pearson: Second.

Punkin Lee: Thank you. All those in favor?

All of Committee: Aye.

Punkin Lee: Opposed? Thank you very much. Thank you for coming in.

Ann Margaret Baird: Thank you.

Punkin Lee: Thank you. Nice to have you.

Ann Margaret Baird: Thank you.

Estee LaClare: Be careful walking. Yeah, it is. Yes. [multiple speakers]

Punkin Lee: So, can we go back to the first one? I mean, it looks fairly self-explanatory. Was John supposed to come tonight? [multiple speakers] I mean, it's one of his signs.

Estee LaClare: I actually reached out to them, and I emailed them and told them that the meeting was going to be this evening and I never heard back from them. So, I'm not sure if something happened, but no one notified me and nor did anybody respond to my email when I sent it out a couple of days ago, which is unusual.

Margaret Littleton: Yeah, no, I think it looks nice.

Punkin Lee: So, we'll go back to the first action item. COA 23-06 S 23-03 request of Megan and Drew Robitaille for a projecting sign at 2B East Washington Street Tilley's Pet Supplies. Bill? Bill, do you want to comment?

Bill Anderson: I like the sign. I like the bracket, particularly the way the sign looks. I don't have a problem with the color. I like it. Nice sign.

Virginia Jenkins: Which is the existing sign, bracket? Do you know?

Punkin Lee: I think it was straight because [multiple speakers]

Estee LaClare: This is a new bracket. [multiple speakers].

Virginia Jenkins: Yeah, the old one. I like the bracket too.

Cindy Pearson: And I like I like how it's magically hanging up there and you see nothing holding it up.

[laughter]

Bill Anderson: That's true. Yes.

Cindy Pearson: There's nothing holding it.

Punkin Lee: Margaret. [off mic]

Margaret Littleton: I think it's fine. Kind of fun.

Cindy Pearson: It is.

Punkin Lee: Cindy.

Cindy Pearson: It's. Yeah, it's fun for that business. That's good.

Punkin Lee: Virginia.

Virginia Jenkins: I'm fine with it.

Punkin Lee: Linda.

Linda Wright: I think it's really attractive, and I do like the bracket a whole lot, too. It's nice to have something a little different.

Punkin Lee: Yeah, I think the bracket and the curve of the sign, it's they're both a nice change up, but not drastic. I think it looks very nice. Has anyone been in the pet store yet?

Virginia Jenkins: I have.

Punkin Lee: It's nice don't you think?

Virginia Jenkins: It is very nice.

Cindy Pearson: Glad somebody could be in there that quickly. That was great.

Punkin Lee: They were rocking.

Virginia Jenkins: Yeah.

Punkin Lee: Any further discussion? And is everyone comfortable if we go ahead with this, even though no one's here?

Virginia Jenkins: Yes, I think we can.

Punkin Lee: Right. Yeah, I mean, they opened last Sunday. It'd be nice to have their sign. A motion, please.

Margaret Littleton: I'd like to approve COA 23-06 S 23-03 request of Megan and Drew Robitaille for a projecting sign at 5B E Washington Street, Tilley's Pet Supplies.

Punkin Lee: Is there a second?

Linda Wright: Second.

Punkin Lee: All those in favor?

All of Committee: Aye.

Punkin Lee: Opposed? Thank you. I guess turn it over to you Estee, for the awards.

Estee LaClare: Yes, Thank you very much, Vice Chair. So, I have actually started to put together all the different award packets and we've ordered the different frames for them. So, we just need you guys to go over this one last time and present this late, if you will, that we talked to and had discussed that you discussed last meeting and make sure that there weren't any changes or additions that you wanted to make.

Punkin Lee: Cindy.

Cindy Pearson: I'm good with what everyone else would like to.

Virginia Jenkins: So nice of you.

Cindy Pearson: Thank you.

Punkin Lee: Virginia.

Virginia Jenkins: I'm fine.

Punkin Lee: Linda.

Linda Wright: I'm good with all of them.

Punkin Lee: Margaret.

Margaret Littleton: Same here. It's fine.

Punkin Lee: Bill.

Bill Anderson: Also good with them.

Margaret Littleton: When do we give them to until?

Punkin Lee: May. [multiple speakers] Did Tim have any comments on the list?

Estee LaClare: He did not.

Punkin Lee: So, he's good to go?

Virginia Jenkins: This is the most amenable group.

Cindy Pearson: It must be the weather. [laughter]

Estee LaClare: [off mic] They do not know. [off mic] Yes. [off mic] I will be sending invitations. [off

mic] Probably tomorrow, hopefully.

Punkin Lee: I think it's a really nice mix of things. [multiple speakers]

Cindy Pearson: You know, I'd probably wait until Monday to let them get past Easter and not feel

rushed.

Estee LaClare: Fine, I'll wait till Monday.

Cindy Pearson: Half of them might not even be there.

Estee LaClare: That's true. This is true.

Punkin Lee: So, we need to take a vote on this. So, I need a motion, please. If the slate is agreeable with

everyone.

Cindy Pearson: Sure. Sure. I don't know. I don't know what to say. Go for it.

Virginia Jenkins: I make a motion that we approve the recipients for the Legacy Award, the Signage and Restoration Award and the Signage Award for 2023 Historic Preservation.

Punkin Lee: Thank you. Is there a second?

Linda Wright: Second.

Punkin Lee: All those in favor?

All of Committee: Aye.

Punkin Lee: Opposed. Thank you. Thank you, Estee, for all the [off mic]

Estee LaClare: Thank you very much. And I will let you know I'm going to be reaching out to JARB as well. I have not received any information from them regarding the awards for Loudoun County as we had done last year. I'm not sure it's because they got it going again last year and so now, they feel as if we can wait until May to begin the process or potentially the last minute. I don't know. So, I was going to send an email to follow up with them and get that process going or at least get an update for you for the May meeting.

Punkin Lee: I wonder if the same lady is still working there.

Estee LaClare: I hope so.

Punkin Lee: Yes.

Estee LaClare: She did a wonderful job.

Punkin Lee: Yes.

Estee LaClare: She really did a wonderful job. I did have one other thing to bring up. Rhonda had asked me that if you had not RSVP'd for A.J.'s retirement party to please do so. It is April 21st at the Middleburg Community Center from 5 to 7, so just let Rhonda know if you can or cannot attend. I think it's going to be a great, great turnout and a wonderful showing for our Chief.

Punkin Lee: Thank you. You're welcome. Anything else from Estee or Will that we need? How about our meeting quorum for May 4th?

Margaret Littleton: I'll be here.

Linda Wright: I'll be here.

Cindy Pearson: I'll be here. [off mic]

Punkin Lee: Everybody's here. Any other business discussion? [off mic]

Bill Anderson: Wow.

Cindy Pearson: 20 minutes. 21 minutes.