

LAYTONSVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
April 18, 2016

Roll Call:

A meeting of the Laytonsville Historic District Commission (HDC) was called to order by Chair Sheree Wenger at 7:35 p.m. Commission Members Charles Hendricks, Jill Ruspi and Lisa Simonetti were present. Member Michele Shortley were absent as was Alternate Joanne Howes.

Attendance:

Cole Schneider from Boy Scout Troop #1323.

Minutes:

The minutes from Historic District Commission meeting on March 21, 2016 were presented. The minutes from the work session on March 10, 2016 were presented. Member Ruspi made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 21, 2016 meeting and the minutes from the work session held on March 10, 2016. Member Simonetti seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The minutes were approved as amended.

Preliminary Statement by Chair:

The preliminary statement was not read.

New Business:

Cole Schneider from Boy Scout Troop #1323 addressed the Commission regarding his Eagle Scout project. He would like to build a little free library on Town Hall property by the path leading from the parking lot to the Town Hall. He distributed various pictures of them to the commission. Chair Wenger stated that she was familiar with them and that they have been successful. She suggested other areas in town. She encouraged Cole to fill out a work permit application and said there would have to be a hearing. Chair Wenger was very supportive of the project.

Regarding the material to be used, Cole stated that it would be made of plywood but he wasn't sure as to what material would be used for the roof. He said he would like to model it after the Town Hall, (a red roof and green trimming). Chair Wenger encouraged him to contact local businesses for materials. She also asked how it would be insulated from the weather. Cole stated he could use a sealant and there could be an overhang over the door to protect it. She stated that perhaps he should get in touch with the city of Rockville to see what the Little Free Libraries looks like and encouraged Cole to contact her at any time. She thanked him for appearing before the commission.

Old Business:

Regarding the exterior lighting in the development, Chair Wenger stated it is the same as the one in Rolling Ridge, no single lamp posts are along private walkways with 2 lanterns on the entry ways. The walkway to the front of the house is extended. If the homeowners want to install additional lamp posts, they can come to the Historic District Commission. Commission Member Ruspi expressed concerns regarding “dead spaces”, (dark areas between street lights), that she sees on Brink Road. She hopes when the development is finished there won’t be any “dead spaces”. Member Hendricks agreed that there are some areas that are dark. Chair Wenger responded by saying that there is a lot of light in neighborhoods. The front of the houses on lots 1 and 3 will face White House Lane and lighting will only be on the front of the house.

Landscape plans which would only involve areas directly around the house, Chair Wenger wants to meet with a representative from the developer to discuss what will be planted. Dogwoods, crape myrtle and magnolia were mentioned as trees to be planted. Plants that are listed are fine and will do well, most are deer resistant. The landscape plan is typical for a development. Plants put in fit with the environment and what is available at the time of year the homeowner moves in. Landscaping will continue around the side load garage. Member Hendricks inquired as to what plants will be put in that area. He inquired as to whether Matt Honacki could provide a landscaping plan that shows what type of plants will be put there. Chair Wenger stated she will call Matt Honacki, the NV Homes Representative and ask him, but it is not for the Historic District Commission to say what type of plants are put in by the developer or even the homeowner.

Continuing with Lot 2, there was discussion at the March meeting in which it was decided that all homes were to have side loaded garages. A detached garage may be a good idea for lot 2 because the lot is wide and deep. Only a 2 car garage would be allowed. All homes on Route 108 have garages that are towards the back of the properties. With regards to whether a porch or portico should be on the home, after brief discussion it was determined that either would be fine.

Chair Wenger stated that the hearing for Lot 2 will be continued at the next meeting and she will ask for clarification on landscaping in front of side load garages. Clarification is also needed from NV Home Representative, Matt Honacki regarding windows on every side of the house. Chair Wenger stated that Matt Hornacki will bring in the final set of drawings because there was some confusion regarding a motion that was made in the March meeting in which windows were to be on every side of the house. It was recommended to table everything until the next meeting. Commission Member Hendricks made a motion to continue the hearing on application 02-15 until the next meeting. Member Ruspi seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Adjournment: There being no further business, Member Ruspi made the motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Member Hendricks. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Whittington

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