

JOINT HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes of Meeting Dogwood Room-G Corridor Thursday, June 23, 2016

Present:

For the Historical Commission: Ron Anzalone (chairman), Ed Henderson (vice-chair) and Kelli Edwards (secretary).

For the Historic Architectural Review Board: Cinda Rose, Kim Winn and Charles M. Moore. Linda Valentino was absent.

Also present: Debra Gee (staff liaison), Melissa Teates (Planning Commission), Chandler Fox (neighbor of the Snyders), Keith Thurston (President of the Falls Church Village Preservation and Improvement Society), Brett Flanders (representing Columbia Baptist Church) and Edith Snyder

Call to Order

The meeting started at 7:05 p.m.

Presentation by the Snyder Family and Columbia Baptist Church project on North Maple Avenue; Recommendation(s) for the maintenance of three existing historic residential structures owned by Columbia Baptist Church

The Historical Commission and the Historic Architecture Review Board held a joint meeting to hear a presentation from Edith Snyder, who was representing the Snyder family and Brett Flanders, who was representing Columbia Baptist Church. The Snyders want to build a home for their daughter on their existing property at 116 Great Falls Street. Their property zoned R-1A, contains a historic home and requires, regardless of zoning, 11,250 feet of land. Per zoning requirements, the total size of the Snyder's lot falls about 1,400 feet short of accommodating their existing historic home and the new home they hope to build. The lot requirement for the new home is 7,500 feet. The Snyders approached Columbia Baptist Church to ask if the Church would sell the additional land they needed to subdivide their property. Columbia Baptist is willing to convey enough square footage to the Snyders for their plan to work, but wants to expand its parking using a portion of the rear lots of the Church's three historic homes at 308, 310 and 312 Maple Avenue.

This joint meeting was held to solicit comments from both groups as the project moves forward to the Planning Commission and to the City Council. Members of both groups made comments and asked questions regarding landscaping; preserving the historic character of the neighborhood; maintaining the relationship of residences to the street; zoning; and the precedent this project may set among other

issues. Both boards indicated that they will separately prepare written advisory comments that would be provided to the Planning Commission and other reviewers and interested parties.

Historic Architectural Review Board Adjourn

The Historic Architectural Review Board adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Historical Commission Meeting Continues

A. Approval of Minutes – April 28, 2016

The minutes were approved.

B. Intermodal Transit Plaza – Input on the Interpretive Panels

Ron stated that a meeting was held on June 3, 2016, to discuss the content and themes for the four panels for the Transit Plaza Interpretive Panels. All members of the Historical Commission, Tinner Hill Heritage Foundation and Arts and Humanities Council were invited to attend. Both Ed and Ron attended. The group discussed how to tell the City's history with a focus on transportation. The next meeting will take place in July with the plaza opening in the fall of 2018.

C. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.