

MEETING NOTES
CITY OF SUMMIT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MAY 17, 2023—7:00pm
Summit City Hall, Large Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER: ADEQUATE ADVANCED NOTICE STATEMENT

ROLL CALL:

Present:

BRANDON RIGHI, CAROLINE KING, MEREDITH GAYLORD, MICHAEL DIGERONIMO, JESSICA EKMEKJIAN, JENNIFER BALSON-ALVAREZ (PLANNING BOARD LIAISON, BY PHONE), SUSAN HAIRSTON (COUNCIL LIAISON)

Absent:

JAMES BURGMEYER, MARY MALLOY, SUSAN BRADY (SECRETARY)

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

NOTES FROM 4/26/2023. Notes approved without comment.

ADVISORY REVIEWS:

Previously submitted by Brandon Righi:

- 556 Morris Ave: no objections; work done in the middle of BMS campus with no impact on streetscape or neighborhood.
- 42 Norwood: no objections; work done in the middle of KPS campus with no impact on streetscape or neighborhood.
- 22 Beverly Road: no objections; work done in rear of home.

For review in-meeting:

1. 19 Oak Ridge
 - a. Appropriate renovation scale and style for the historic home. Materiality is appropriate, with minimal external change to the structure. No objections.
2. 610 Springfield Ave
 - a. Back porch renovation that has high visibility from the street. Design is appropriate. HPC recommends details match the historic front porch design.
3. 22 Dogwood Drive
 - a. Design and materials are appropriate. No objections.
4. 58 Dale Drive
 - a. No comment, work in rear of building.
5. 19 Manor Hill Road
 - a. No comment, work in rear of building.
6. 246 Summit Ave
 - a. No comment, work in rear of building.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Liaison Updates & News:
Susan Hairston—Common Council
Jennifer Alvarez—Planning Board

Discussion about the new HPC ordinance, submitted in late 2022. Former Council President Fox encouraged the submission at that time. Councilmember Hairston described the long queue of legislation being considered at this time. Chair Righi shared that the update he received from Councilmember Levine was that she and Council President Vartan will discuss the best form of public hearing to give the current legislation. Parties agreed that the public hearing is probably the best next step, as there is a lack of consensus over whether the HPC should remain advisory or change to a decision-making body, which would enable it to delay demolition of historic structures.

NEXT MEETING Wednesday, June 14, 2023, 7:00 PM — City Hall Large Conference Room

MOTION TO ADJOURN—adjourned at 8:15 p.m.