

TOWN OF PRINCESS ANNE
PRESIDENT AND TOWN COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
April 13, 2015 @ 7:00 pm
Garland Hayward Youth Center
30660 Rosa Parks Avenue
Princess Anne, MD 21853

In Attendance: President Garland Hayward, Vice President Joseph Gardner, Commissioner Dennis Williams, Commissioner Lionel Frederick, Chief Tim Bozman, Code Compliance/Public Works Director Tracy Grangier, Town Attorney Paul Wilber, Financial Administrator Deborah Hrusko, Historic District Commission-Chairperson Warner Sumpter, Commissioner Charlotte Sharf, Commissioner Gale Yerges, Commissioner Jeanne DuNord and Commissioner Marian Patterson

I. Call to order
President Hayward called the meeting to order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Motion to Accept Agenda
Vice President Gardner motioned to accept the agenda
Commissioner Williams second
All were in favor

Commissioner Williams motioned to suspend the rules to allow the citizens to speak.
Vice President Gardner second
All were in favor

IV. Historic District Commission Ordinance (First Reading)
Paul Wilber read the ordinance (see attached)

V. Historic District Boundaries Ordinance (First Reading)
Paul Wilber read the ordinance (see attached)

Warner Sumpter gave a summary of the work the HDC has been doing. All members of the HDC made comments about their intentions with the ordinances.

VI. Citizens Comments
John Nicholson-he is concerned about the time limits put on homeowners to comply. His home is under MD Historical Trust Guidelines. Thanked the Commissioners for allowing citizens to speak at the first reading.

Tan Nguyen-Purchased the house at 30401 Prince William St. He would not have purchased the home had he known about these ordinances. He had questions about the appointed commission. Believes all should be residents.

Greg Paghham-use to own a home in Princess Anne. He moved here because of its historical structures.

Bonita Porter-commended the HDC for the reduction of the boundaries. She read a letter sent in by General John Morris, who owns several properties in Princess Anne.

Carol Haarman-She supports the ordinances. She wants the commission to get input from the citizens about the guidelines. She used rehab funds for renovations.

Agnes Dennis-She congratulated the commission for their ideas. She supports the ordinances but is concerned about financial burden on the homeowners.

Mary Alice Rath-Owens the Fontaine Fitzgerald house. Does not support the ordinances. She suggests that the district be reduced again.

Mandy Crown-She feels that the focus should be on downtown Somerset Ave before they worry about the houses.

Penny Nicholson-she supports the HDC ordinances

Gail Sheldon-the librarian spoke about Brain Collier, an author. She said there is a need to educate the young about their history.

Jim Porter-he said there is already a historic district in place. It's voluntary. He liked that the boundaries were downsized. He has problems with the definition. He feels that there needs to be specifics. He felt the time constraints are a concern.

Bruce Burgess-owns a home in the current historic district. He will submit written information to the town. Wants to know why the boundaries are so irregular.

Erica Nguyen-she is concerned about definitions.

Ann Duerr-family has been here for 30 years. She remembers how beautiful Princess Anne use to be.

Jim Sharf-he owned the home Bruce Burgess now owns.

Barbara Hill-lives on Mansion. Does not feel her home has historical value.

Richard Crumbacker-asked about the guidelines.

VII. Commissioners Comment

Vice President Gardner said he knows that members of HDC have worked hard. He thanked everyone for coming out. He is not in support of the mandatory historic district. He wants more information about the guidelines before the ordinance is passed. He is concerned about additional work on the town staff.

Commissioner Williams talked about how pleasant the HDC was to work with. The process is one step at a time.

President Hayward said he is a lifelong resident of Princess Anne. He has seen the historical homes be compromised by lack of maintenance.

Vice President Gardner motioned to go into closed session

Commissioner Williams second

All were in favor

Discussion followed

Vice President Gardner motioned to go into open session

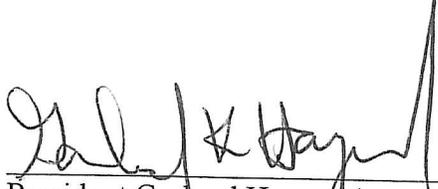
Commissioner Williams second

All were in favor

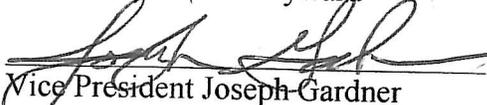
VIII. Adjournment

Vice President Gardner motioned to adjourn

Commissioner Williams second
All were in favor



President Garland Hayward



Vice President Joseph Gardner

Absent

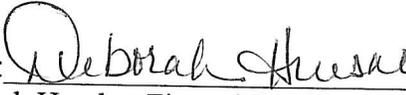
Commissioner Michael Hall



Commissioner Dennis Williams

Absent

Commissioner Lionel Frederick

Attest: 

Deborah Hrusko, Financial Administrator