

**Town of Elkton
Elkton Historic District Commission
February 23, 2022**

PRESENT: Paula Newton, Chair; Nancy Yerkes; Nicholas Cannistraci, Planner I; David Beste, Esq., Legal Counsel

ABSENT: Jeanne D. Minner, Director of Planning

Ms. Newton called the meeting to order at approximately 6:10 p.m. and stated that this is a meeting of the Historic District Commission and that a quorum was present. She stated that the Commission operates under the authority granted to it by the Town of Elkton. She further stated that the qualifications of the Commission members are on file with the Town of Elkton. The basis of the decisions of the Commission to be consistent with the Town's Ordinances, they are on file with the Town of Elkton and are hereby made a part of the record of each and every action of the Commission at today's meeting. Each application heard today is considered on its own merits and is not to be considered as establishing a precedent for any other application.

Ms. Newton stated the first item on the agenda was approval of the minutes from the January 26, 2022 meeting. She stated that she had one correction. Ms. Newton asked if the commission had any other corrections. There were no other corrections.

MOTION: Ms. Yerkes made a motion to approve the minutes of January 26, 2022 as revised. Ms. Newton seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Newton introduced the second item on the agenda, which was the request of Health Care for Children, LLC to install two signs at 215 North Street.

Request by Health Care for Children, LLC for approval to install two signs. One of each sign is proposed for North Street and Bow Street respectively. The property address is located at 215 North Street, Elkton, MD 21921.

Present at the meeting to represent Health Care for Children, LLC for the request was Winston Dequña. He introduced himself and stated that the request is meant to provide permanent signage for the pediatric practice. The signs would be placed facing North Street as well as Bow Street and the entrance is currently in the middle of the building in between those two streets. Mr. Dequña also stated that a sign was installed for the previous owner facing North Street and that Health Care for Children had a temporary sign facing Bow Street.

Ms. Newton inquired about other entrances. Mr. Dequña confirmed that there is currently another entrance on Bow Street. Ms. Newton also asked about the material of the sign, and Mr. Dequña confirmed that the material is PVC. Mr. Newton asked how the sign will be fixed to the brick of the building. Mr. Dequña stated that there are existing studs from the previous sign. He also stated that the sign will be fixed with metal fasteners on the previous sign installation.

Ms. Newton asked Mr. Dequña if there was any possible consideration to beautify the signs at all or to frame the signs in wood. Mr. Dequña stated that was not given consideration, rather the signs were designed based on previous signs and other signs along the street.

MOTION: Ms. Yerkes made a motion to approve the request by Health Care for Children, LLC for approval to install two signs. One of each sign is proposed for North Street and Bow Street respectively.

New Business: Mr. Cannistraci stated that the applicants for the open positions on the Historic District Commission Board had been forwarded to the Mayor and Commissioners and have been approved.

Ms. Newton inquired about the wedding chapel and discussion occurred regarding current owners and any possible proposal for the Town of Elkton to buy the building and work to save the façade.

Ms. Newton stated that she had no other items to discuss and asked if there was any other business to discuss.

Hearing none, Ms. Yerkes made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.