

Salisbury Historic District Commission
February 1, 2023

The Salisbury Historic District Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, February 1, 2023. The meeting took place in Room 301 at the Government Office Building with attendance as follows:

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Saxman, Chair- Not Present
Matt Auchey, Vice Chairman – Present
Jane Messenger – Present
Margaret Lawson- Present
Brenden Frederick – Present
Brad Phillips-- Present
Jillian Burns-- Present

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Laura Hay, City Attorney- Present
Jessica Budd, Infrastructure & Development- Present
Brian Soper, Infrastructure & Development- Present

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Matt Auchey, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL** - Each member of the Commission introduced themselves for the record. The Chairman explains the procedure of the meeting to all applicants and administered the oath en masse to all persons intending to testify.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approvals of the minutes of the December 14, 2022. Brenden Frederick makes a motion to approve December’s meeting minutes. Brad Phillips seconds the motion, The Commission votes unanimously to approve the minutes.

PUBLIC INPUT – Members of the public are welcome to make comment at this time, subject to a time allotment of two (2) minutes per person.

4. **CONSENT DOCKET** – None
5. **OLD BUSINESS** – None
6. **NEW BUSINESS**-

- ***#23-01- 132 E Main St.- Windows and Massing**

Mr. Brenden Frederick recuses himself from this case.as he is involved with this project Nick Simpson steps forward to present the case. Jessica Budd reads the Staff findings aloud. Nick Simpson starts by apologizing for having to be here because he was under the impression that the massing and windows were already approved. He would not have made a large purchase like this and installed them already if they were not approved yet. He states the historic front facade will have the double hung look on the windows but the rest around the building will have a casement style. It is there goal to retain as much historic feature as they can. As far as the massing they thought they had brought the increase in story’s up at the last meeting and it was approved but the last known meeting they approved massing was back in June 2021. Mrs. Messenger asks to see the original massing submission and what has changed in the drawings from then to now. The commission states they do not like the box look on the top floor. Mr. Simpson states the main difference will be the rooftop deck will be an enclosed space that will be used year-round and on building two they will do a rooftop deck. He also clarifies that the last meeting he stated the double hung windows were only meant for the historical storefront and casement for the rest of the building. Mr. Auchey states his issue is that now the windows and ornamentation of the building now has no detail and people are asking him why the historic district allowed this. Mr. Simpson states he got rid of the outdoor seating area because since its student housing they wouldn’t be present during summer to even enjoy it so it would be pointless and no longer necessary. Mr.

Phillips states he agrees with Mr. Auchey that the details have changed drastically without approval. Mrs. Messenger asks if there is something as simple as changing something cosmetic to make the façade or character of the building change and create more depth since everything is pretty much already done. Mr. Simpson said they are planning to do a lot of landscaping in between both buildings that may give the property some character. Mr. Simpson states the red color paint they are about to apply on the 14 story building will add a lot of character he believes. Brad Phillips states it sounds like the paint will help a lot and since everything is already in place he doesn't want to make them rip everything out since they are almost done. He would just like to move forward and makes a motion to approve the case as submitted. Mrs. Messenger second the motion. The commission votes 4-1 for the approval as submitted.

**•Adjourn the meeting- The City of Salisbury presented Jillian Burns with a certificate of appreciation for serving on the Historic District. This will be her last meeting.
Mrs. Jillian Burns makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. The Commission votes unanimously to adjourn the meeting.**

This is a summary of the proceedings of this meeting. Detailed information is in the permanent files of each case as presented and filed in the City of Salisbury, Housing & Community Development Department.

Matt Auchey, Vice- Chairman

Date

Brian Soper, City Planner

Date