CARROLL COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 15TH, 2021 MEETING

LOCATION: Reagan Room, County Office Building

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Edwin Gregg, Craig Saunders, Christopher Tomlinson.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Kyohei Abe

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Dixon, Counsel; Hannah Weber, Planning Liaison; Sam Weaver, resident of Uniontown.

New Business

- 1. Introduction of those present: The Commission members all introduced themselves.
 - 2. Approve the minutes from October 12th, 2021 meeting. Mr. Saunders made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Tomlinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
 - 3. New Business Future Projects, exploration of future projects for the HPC as well as discussion of ongoing issues. Mr. Edwin Gregg opened the floor to the HPC Commissioners to bring up any projects they would like to see done in Uniontown as well as any ongoing issues. Mr. Gregg brought up the ongoing issue of the traffic on Uniontown Road. It was brought up by Commissioner Kyohei Abe in November that there is in ongoing petition in Uniontown regarding reducing the speed on Uniontown Road and advised the petition was sent to the County for review. Ms. Hannah Weber contacted the Department of Public Works (DPW) where it was said DPW is going to take new traffic counts of the area in response to the petition. Besides speed, it was brought up the issue of larger trucks using Uniontown Road that avoid larger roads that are more congested. It was agreed upon by the Commission that Uniontown Road is not meant to be used by large trucks. Mr. Craig Saunders suggested possibly using vibration detectors in basements of properties along Uniontown Road to gather readings when trucks drive by. Mr. Gregg responded it would be hard to implement on behalf of the HPC but possibly by Historic Uniontown, INC. Mr. Christopher Tomlinson suggested using the traffic calming method of road narrowing. It was acknowledged by Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Gregg that that method would not be quick or easy due to the process to obtain the road narrowing. Another issue brought up by Mr. Gregg is the lack of knowledge in the area of the Historic District of Uniontown boundaries. Mr. Gregg disclosed he receives many inquiries from citizens asking whether specific properties are located in the Historic District or not. Ms. Weber advised the way the County identifies the Historic District of Uniontown boundary is by the Historic District Overlay (HDO) zoning boundary. It was suggested putting a map of Uniontown on the website which is zoomed in enough to allow citizens to find the property in question. Mr. Gregg brought up the possibility of listing past contractors used for work/repairs in Uniontown on the website for citizens to find. Mr. Saunders brought up the thought whether this is a role for

HPC or for Historic District INC. Mr. Saunders also brought up the issue that the HPC cannot recommend any specific business and listing contractors on their website could give off that impression. Mr. Gregg advised other places do this such as Maryland Historic Trust (MHT) and Frederick County. Mr. Tomlinson brought up the idea of a grant for the area. This idea was previously brought up by Ms. Weber at the HPC's August 24th, 2021 meeting. Mr. Tomlinson listed many avenues that offer grants the HPC could look into such as the Heart of the Civil War, Preservation Maryland, and Maryland Historic Trust. It was agreed that Preservation Maryland may not be completely suitable because they primarily deal with large renovations. It was also agreed about the Heart of the Civil War Heritage grants could be suitable because of Uniontown's history. The HPC agreed they need to find the needs of the Historic District before applying for any grant. It was brought up that this could be another chance to get Historic Uniontown INC. involved. Mr. Gregg brought up again, as he has in past meetings, his desire to come up with a database to house all past applications. The database would include what was applied for, the recommendations of the HPC, and the decision to make sure the HPC is consistent with its decisions.

There being no further business and no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:29 p.m. upon a motion by Mr. Tomlinson and seconded by Mr. Saunders and voted on unanimously.

The next meeting will be tentatively scheduled for January 11th, 2022.

Approved by:

Edwin T. Gregg, Chair

Respectfully submitted:

Hannah Weber, Comprehensive Planner

Department of Planning