

**TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

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The Black Mountain Historic Preservation Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. electronically via Zoom

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. with the following members present:

Ron Collins, Vice Chair  
Frank Cappelli  
Matthew Turner  
Elaine Loutzenheiser

Absent:

Susan Leive, Chair

Staff:

Jennifer Tipton, Senior Admin

Others Present:

Gail Brommer, Co-Chair of Beautification Committee

The meeting was called to order at 6:04p.m. and duly constituted and opened for business with a quorum of four (4) regular members.

**II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Jennifer Tipton said that Gail Brommer, with the Beautification Committee, joined the meeting to discuss a couple of projects and needed to be added to new business. Elaine Loutzenheiser made a motion to add Ms. Brommer to the agenda and to move new business ahead of old business. The motion was seconded by Frank Cappelli and approved by a vote of 4-0.

**III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Elaine Loutzenheiser made a motion to adopt the minutes of March 17, 2021 as written. The motion was seconded by Frank Cappelli and approved by a vote of 4-0.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Beautification Commission Projects**

Gail Brommer, Co-Chair of the Beautification Commission said they have redone the garden on the hill, which is the area between the Sutton Avenue parking lot and the Arts Center back parking lot. The garden has been planted with native plants and is dedicated to all of the victims of COVID-19. The Beautification Commission would like to add identification signs for the plants that would include their American name and Latin name and a dedication sign. The dedication sign will be eight inches by ten inches and the identification signs will be five inches by seven inches. The dedication sign will be centered in the front of the garden and the identification signs will be placed in front of each of the plants. All the signs are aluminum and are similar to the signs that are currently in Town Square. The stakes for the signs will extend up no more than five to seven inches. The Beautification Commission will also place their “cared for by” signs as well but those have been approved previously. Elaine Loutzenheiser made a motion to approve the identification signs and dedication sign. The motion was seconded by Frank Cappelli and approved by a vote of 4-0.

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Ms. Brommer then spoke about the water tank next to the well house in the Sutton Avenue parking lot. The water tank currently has some flowers planted on it but it is very rusted and needs repainting. Joyce Black-Woerz is creating a concept for a new painting for the tank and would like to start painting in early summer. Ms. Brommer hopes to have the concept to the commission at their next meeting for approval.

Ms. Brommer also mentioned that they have received funding and approval to add additional planters along Black Mountain Avenue.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Historic District Standards Final Draft**

Jennifer Tipton said that all changes that have been discussed have now been incorporated into the final draft. Ms. Tipton mentioned that one change from the March meeting was the height limit and changing it from forty feet to thirty-five feet for the historic district. Elaine Loutzenheiser and Matthew Turner both agreed with this change. The next discussion was about murals and the language that was added on page thirty and there was a question about murals on walls that had already been painted. Ron Collins used the example of the Mountain Vista Property on Broadway Street that has a mural painted on it, but not all of the brick has been painted. Ms. Tipton said that only the section of brick that had been painted would be allowed to be repainted and will work on adding some language to clarify. Some examples were to say murals would be limited to existing areas or areas that are currently covered. Ms. Loutzenheiser suggested having the newspaper do an article about businesses and artists checking with the Town before they begin any mural to ensure that they are not in the historic district and if they are that they have to come before the commission for review and approval. Mr. Collins said that he made a YouTube video of the murals in the town called Black Mountain Murals. Mr. Collins asked about people knowing that signs are to be approved by the commission and there is a mention of it in Chapter 1 under the items that are approved by the Minor Works Commission. Ms. Tipton said that wording could be added to Chapter 4, Section 4.1, in the second paragraph to let people know of the approval process.

**VI. COMMUNICATION FROM HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

None.

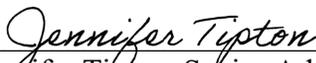
**VII. COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF**

None.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Elaine Loutzenheiser made a motion to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. The motion was seconded by Frank Cappelli and approved by a vote of 4-0.

Prepared by:

  
Jennifer Tipton, Senior Admin

  
Ron Collins, Vice Chair