

# TOWN OF GEORGETOWN - PLANNING COMMISSION

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## Meeting Minutes July 15, 2015

### ATTENDANCE

#### Commissioners

Gary Tonge  
Chester Johnson  
Sue Barlow  
John Painter  
Bob Ricker

#### Staff

Jocelyn Godwin, Planning  
Tim Willard, Solicitor  
Jamie Craddock, Planning

#### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Tonge called the meeting to order in the Town Hall at 6:00 p.m.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF JUNE 17, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Johnson moved, seconded by Commissioner Barlow, to approve the June 17, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented. **APPROVED** (UNANIMOUS)

#### 3. CASE #2015-17 **Historic Review**

An application by The Rosa Health Center, Inc., for approval of a sign to be located at 10 North Front Street, identified as Sussex County Tax District 135 Map 19.08 Parcel 72.00 zoned HD (Historic District).

Dr. Rama Peri and Dr. Romina Thomas, of The Rosa Health Center, presented the application. The health center is named in honor of Sister Rosa Alvarez, who had served the Georgetown community. The logo design, by one of their patients, represents a rose and a family “blooming” with a man, woman and young child. The sign will replace the existing sign.

**Commissioner Barlow moved, seconded by Commissioner Ricker, to APPROVE the application as presented. APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)**

#### 4. CASE #2015-18 **Historic Review**

*An application by i3a Consulting Engineers, for approval of exterior renovations located at 101 East Market Street, identified as Sussex County Tax District 135 Map 14.20 Parcel 210.00 zoned HD (Historic District).*

Ed Ide, of i3a Consulting Engineers, presented the application. The owner of the property is working to eliminate a structural hazard as directed by the Town. Cementitious siding, Hardie plank siding, is being proposed once the damaged brick has been removed from the top portion of the building along Race Street and Market

Street. Prior photos were presented showing an early version of the building with wood siding prior to the brick. Signage and the lower portion of the building are not in the applicant's current plan to renovate.

The Commission expressed concerns with the remaining portions of the building. If the owner addresses only the safety concern and doesn't address the whole façade, it is difficult to approve the wood look over the brick. When the building was wood previously, it also had a peaked roof with storefront windows. An exploratory is needed under the T-111 strip to determine if the old taller windows could be redone.

**Commissioner Ricker moved, seconded by Commissioner Barlow, to TABLE the application until the applicant can find out what is under the signage/T-111 strip and provide a better vision of the full plan as the property is a focal point of the town and the Historic District. TABLED - APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)**

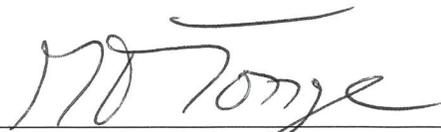
**5. Planning Department Report**

The Sussex Academy plan was revised to include a landscape buffer and received final approval last week. The proposed Category 1 Site Plan process revisions to the Code were adopted by Town Council on 7/8/15.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Ricker moved, seconded by Commissioner Barlow, to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. **APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)**

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Gary Tonge, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
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Jocelyn Godwin, Planning