

**MINUTES OF THE ROCKVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
MEETING NO. 10-2025  
Thursday, November 20, 2025**

The City of Rockville Historic District Commission convened at 7:00 PM

**Commissioners Present:**

Anita Neal Powell - Chair  
Seth Denbo, Peter Fosselman, Michael Goldfinger, and Mercy Shenge

**Staff Present:**

Sheila Bashiri, Preservation Planner  
Katie Gerbes, Comprehensive Planning Manager  
Cynthia Walters, Deputy City Attorney

**I. COMMITTEE / ORGANIZATION REPORTS**

**A. Peerless Rockville - Nancy Pickard, Executive Director**

- No Report

**B. Lincoln Park Historical Foundation - Anita Neal Powell, President**

- No Report

**C. Public Comments/Open Forum**

- Jeanne O'Meara, 418 West Montgomery Avenue - Ms. O'Meara addressed a Code violation she received for installing deer fencing on her property in the West Montgomery Avenue Historic District. She requested the HDC's support in asking the City of Rockville to change the Code to address allowing deer fencing in the City, and particularly in the historic district.
- Commissioner Fosselman commented that the deer fencing had been a frequent topic at the West End Association (WECA) meetings.

**D. HDC and Staff Comments**

- Commissioner Goldfinger continued his series on important historic buildings in Rockville by presenting on the history of The Grey Courthouse.
- Chair Powell inquired as to whether any other HDC members, in addition to Commissioner Fosselman, would like to serve on the interview panel for the new Community Planning and Development Services Director. Commissioner Fosselman was appointed to represent the HDC.
- Chair Powell requested the deer fencing issue be added to the next HDC meeting agenda for discussion. Commissioner Denbo inquired about the HDC's role. Ms.

Gerbes explained that the fencing is an exterior alteration that requires an HDC Certificate of Approval. Ms. Gerbes noted that the fencing presented a separate Zoning Code issue.

### **FURTHER DISCUSSION**

November 20, 2025. Agenda Item I

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## **II. CONSENT AGENDA**

*Consent Agenda items may be approved per the Staff Report without discussion. However, any person may request that the Chair remove an item from the Consent Agenda for discussion and public comments before the vote.*

### **A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

October 16, 2025

October 30, 2025

**Commissioner Shenge moved to approve the Consent Agenda as proposed.**

**RESULT: APPROVED 5-0**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Shenge

**SECOND:** Commissioner Goldfinger

**IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Denbo, Fosselman, Goldfinger, Neal Powell, and Shenge

### **FURTHER DISCUSSION**

November 20, 2025. Agenda Item II-A

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## **III. CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL**

### **A. 2026-185-COA**

**Applicant:** Marcus Ramdhanie, Leon Pro Services LLC  
Keith D. Rizza, Owner

**Address:** 301 Anderson Avenue

**Request:** Certificate of Approval to construct an enclosed rear porch.

**The application was removed from the agenda at the request of the property owner.**

### **FURTHER DISCUSSION**

November 20, 2025. Agenda Item III-A

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#### IV. DISCUSSION

**Old Business:**

- King Farm Farmstead Master Plan

**New Business:**

1. Draft HDC Meeting Calendar for 2026
2. 2026 Preservation Month Event

**Commissioner Denbo moved to approve the HDC Meeting Calendar for 2026 as proposed.**

**RESULT: APPROVED 5-0**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Shenge

**SECOND:** Commissioner Goldfinger

**IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Denbo, Fosselman, Goldfinger, Neal Powell, and Shenge

#### FURTHER DISCUSSION

November 20, 2025. Agenda Item IV

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#### V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Bashiri