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**MINUTES OF THE ROCKVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING NO. 6-2026
Thursday, June 18, 2026**

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

Commissioners Present:

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

Staff Present:

Megan Flick, Principal Planner
Katie Gerbes, Comprehensive Planning Manager
Cynthia Walters, Acting City Attorney

I. COMMITTEE / ORGANIZATION REPORTS

A. Peerless Rockville – Nancy Pickard, Executive Director

- Peerless Rockville welcomed more than 100 guests to a tour of the Glenview Mansion in May, which marked the 100th anniversary of the 1924 addition to the mansion.
- The Rockville 250: Our American Story pictorial exhibit opened in May, chronicling the history of Rockville for the past 250 years. The Red Brick Courthouse will be open on Saturday, June 27 from 1 – 4 pm as a part of Heritage Days.
- On June 20th, Peerless Rockville is partnering with Jerusalem-Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church for a lecture called “How Freedom Came to Rockville” to celebrate Juneteenth. The lecture will explore paths to freedom taken by enslaved individuals and Rockville residents before nationwide emancipation. It will also talk about the US Colored Troops from Rockville that were stationed in Texas for the first Juneteenth.
- The next Peerless event at Glenview is titled The Maryland 400: Revolutionary War Soldiers in the Battle of Brookland will be given by the Senior Maryland State Archivist on July 9.

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

- 135th anniversary of Lincoln Park took place on May 30. Footage of the parade and festivities will be shown on Rockville’s Channel 11.
- Ms. Powell attended a conference called Preserving Black History and Museums to learn more about opportunities to preserve the history of Lincoln Park.
- LPHF will be hosting an event in September 2026 to highlight 250 years of the nation and 100 years of Black history. More information is forthcoming.

C. Public Comments/Open Forum

- Hannelore Quigley – Rockville Cemetery has an event taking place on Sunday, September 20 to celebrate the 300th anniversary of Christ Episcopal Church and Rockville Cemetery. The event is a partnership with the church and Greater Rockville Chamber of Commerce. The event will include a church service and reenactment of some of the figures buried at the cemetery.
- Magda Brown – Magda Brown is chair of the city's Human Rights Commission introduced herself and encouraged opportunities for collaboration between the two bodies.

D. HDC and Staff Comments

- Commissioner Neal Powell expressed interest in hosting a preservation conference in November 2026 and to work with Commissioner Goldfinger to organize and plan the event. A date for the event has not been established.
- City staff noted that on June 23 is an event to unveil a new historic marker at the site of the Twinbrook Swimming Pool.
- City staff acknowledged Sheila Bashiri, Preservation Planner, on her upcoming retirement. The Commission presented Ms. Bashiri with a token of appreciation to celebrate her retirement.

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:

May 21, 2026

Commissioner Denbo moved to approve the minutes.

RESULT: APPROVED 5-0

MOTION: Commissioner Denbo

SECOND: Commissioner Goldfinger

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

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III. CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

A. 2026-354-COA

Applicant: City of Rockville Recreation and Parks Department

Address: 603 Edmonston Drive

Request: Certificate of Approval to remove a declining boxwood feature at the front of the Glenview Mansion and replace with tall fescue blend sod.

Commissioner Shenge moved to recommend application 2026-354-COA for approval.

RESULT: APPROVED 5-0

MOTION: Commissioner Shenge

SECOND: Commissioner Goldfinger

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

FURTHER DISCUSSION

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B. 2026-358-COA

Applicant: City of Rockville Recreation and Parks Department

Address: 603 Edmonston Drive

Request: Certificate of Approval to plant 30 trees as a landscaping screen dividing the front mall of the Glenview Mansion from the picnic area of Civic Center Park.

Commissioner Goldfinger moved to recommend application 2026-358- COA for approval.

RESULT: APPROVED 5-0

MOTION: Commissioner Goldfinger

SECOND: Commissioner Denbo

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

FURTHER DISCUSSION

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IV. EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

A. 2026-331-EOS

Applicant: Jason Ekus, Pavilion Real Estate

Address: 24 Martins Lane

Request: Evaluation of Significance (demolition proposed).

Commissioner Neal Powell moved to recommend application 2026-331-EOS for designation.

RESULT: APPROVED 4-1

MOTION: Commissioner Neal Powell

SECOND: Commissioner Denbo

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

OPPOSED: Commissioner Goldfinger

FURTHER DISCUSSION

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V. DISCUSSION

A. OLD BUSINESS

1. **HDC Letter recognizing Preservation Month**
2. **Demolition by Neglect**

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Flick