



**DRAFT**

**SUMMARY MINUTES**

April 22, 2024

5:00 p.m.

The Kent County Historic Preservation Commission met on Thursday, April 22, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the County Commissioners' Hearing Room at 400 High Street, Chestertown, Maryland.

The following members were in attendance: Jeremy Rothwell, Chair; Vice Chair Jennifer Moore; Chair's Designee Biz Beckley, John Lysinger, Max Ruehrmund.

Staff in attendance were William Mackey, AICP, Director, and Beth Grieb, Office Manager, serving as Acting Clerk.

Cynthia L. McCann, Esq. was present to represent staff.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Rothwell called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

**MINUTES**

On a motion by Mr. Ruehrmund, seconded by Jen Moore, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 14, 2024, as presented.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

*States Adventure Property*

Staff provided an update on correspondence with the architect for the property owner regarding their interest in exploring demolition due to the deteriorated condition of the historic house. The property owner is not interested in investing in restoration. The Commission expressed strong interest in meeting on-site with the architect and owner to discuss alternatives such as subdivision and resale to enable preservation by a new owner.

Chair Rothwell, Mr. Ruehrmund, and new member John Leisinger volunteered to attend the on-site meeting. Staff will coordinate scheduling. If the owners ultimately decide to proceed with demolition, the Commission requests the opportunity to fully document the property with the owner funding the additional cost.

*Amendments to Bylaws*

Discussion of potential amendments to the bylaws was deferred to a future meeting.

**APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW**

There were no applications for review.

**STAFF REPORTS**

There were no additional staff reports.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:41 p.m. The next meeting date will be determined via a poll.

*Please note that 95% of this document was created by Claude 3 from Anthropic, utilizing a transcript created by Microsoft Teams. The DPHZ team then reviewed the document prior to its distribution to the Planning Commission.*