



**Historic District Commission**  
Hoyt Library  
505 Janes Avenue  
**Minutes**  
Thursday, May 28, 2026

- I. **Call to Order** – Commissioner Mixer called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.
- II. **Roll Call** – Staff McEmber took roll.  
**Present:** Lee Amo, Tom Raines, Kevin Jones, Mark Greskowiak, Alex Mixer and Andrew Naumann  
**Absent:** Nathan Hanley  
**Staff:** Attorney Amy Lusk and Christina McEmber
- III. **Approval of Minutes**  
**Motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Raines, to approve the meeting minutes for the April 23, 2026 meeting. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.**
- IV. **Approval of Agenda**  
Commissioner Amo requested to amend the agenda to add “Potter Street Station Update” under Old Business.  
**Motion by Commissioner Raines, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve the agenda. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.**
- V. **Public Comment**  
No public comment.
- VI. **New Business**
  - a. **J26-2865 – 118 N Michigan Avenue.** Betsey De Parry, Old Town Saginaw Properties, described the project to repaint the exterior of the building a different color after it had been painted without the Historic District Commission’s approval.  
**Motion made by Commissioner Amo, seconded by Commissioner Raines, to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for application number J26-2865 since the work as proposed meets *The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation*, in particular, *Standard #9: New additions, exterior alterations or related new construction shall not destroy the historical materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.* 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.**
  - b. **J26-2866 – 1009 Court Street.** Anna Dalessandro, Metro Multi Construction, described the project to repaint the exterior of the building. Commissioner Amo thanked the applicant for choosing colors from the city’s approved colorway guide.  
**Motion made by Commissioner Amo, seconded by Commissioner Raines, to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for application number J26-2866 since the work as**

proposed meets *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*, in particular, *Standard #9: New additions, exterior alterations or related new construction shall not destroy the historical materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.* 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

c. **J26-2867 – 204 S Michigan Avenue (208 S Michigan Avenue).** Betsey De Parry, Old Town Saginaw Properties, described the project to repaint the exterior of the building.

Motion made by Commissioner Raines, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for application number J26-2867 since the work as proposed meets *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*, in particular, *Standard #9: New additions, exterior alterations or related new construction shall not destroy the historical materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment;* and *Standard #10: New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.* 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

d. **J26-2869 – 204 S Michigan Avenue (208 S Michigan Avenue).** Erika Woods, Erika's Flowers, described the project to install a sign and awning on the exterior of the building. She explained the sign would be relocated from her current location. Commissioner Amo asked if there were any size constraints for the sign. Staff McEmber stated the sign did not meet the zoning district's size regulations and a variance would need to be obtained from the Zoning Board of Appeals. She advised the Commissioners to approve the sign with the condition that a variance be obtained from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion made by Commissioner Amo, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness with the condition that a variance is obtained from the Zoning Board of Appeals for the size of the sign for application number J26-2869 since the work as proposed meets *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*, in particular, *Standard #10: New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.* 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

e. **J26-2868 – 413 Adams Street.** Betsy De Parry, Old Town Saginaw Properties, described the project to paint multiple murals describing the history of Saginaw. She explained that a picture of the high steppers would be added to the mural. Commissioners inquired if the murals would be going directly on the building and what the building wall was composed of. She stated that the murals would be painted directly on the building and the wall was composed of concrete block, brick, and spackling.

Motion made by Commissioner Amo, seconded by Commissioner Raines, to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for application number J26-2868 since the work as proposed meets *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*, in particular, *Standard #9: New additions, exterior alterations or related new construction shall not destroy the historical materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.* 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

**VII. Old Business**

- a. **Potter Street Station Update.** Commissioner Mixer explained research was conducted on the asphalt paint and it was found that the paint decreases the life of the shingle. He stated that there will be work with engineers and applications for about 12 projects will be submitted. Commissioner Amo asked how significantly the paint decreased the life of the shingle and Commissioner Mixer stated that moisture can get between the paint and shingle, which decreases the life of the shingle.

**VIII. Adjournment**

**Motion by Commissioner Raines, seconded by Commissioner Greskowiak, to adjourn the meeting at 4:47 p.m. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

Christina McEmber  
Urban Planner