



Historic District Commission
Morley Building, 1 Tuscola St
2nd Floor conference Room
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Minutes

Thursday, April 23, 2026

- I. **Call to Order** – Commissioner Amo called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.
- II. **Roll Call** – Staff McEmber took roll.
Present: Lee Amo, Tom Raines, Kevin Jones, Nathan Hanley, and Andrew Naumann
Absent: Mark Greskowiak, Alex Mixer
Staff: Attorney Amy Lusk, Abbey Alverson, and Christina McEmber
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
Motion by Commissioner Hanley, seconded by Commissioner Naumann, to approve the meeting minutes for the April 2, 2026 meeting. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.
- IV. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion by Commissioner Raines, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve the agenda. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.
- V. **Public Comment**

Betsy De Parry commented in support of the proposed exterior painting (mural) at 124 S Michigan Avenue, citing the building is an addition that is not historic nor of historic significance. She also stated the mural would add a sense of place in Old Town.
- VI. **New Business**
 - a. **J26-2860 – 124 S Michigan Avenue.** Isabel Drema described the project to paint the exterior of the building with a mural to maintain the building as well as create an attraction in Old Town. She stated a muralist will be completing the work. Commissioners inquired about the prepping and priming of the surface and the concrete block spalling. Betsy De Parry explained she has worked with the muralist before and the muralist knows how to properly prep and prime the building before painting.

Motion made by Commissioner Raines, seconded by Commissioner Hanley, to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for application number J26-2860 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.*
 - b. **J26-2861 – 314 N Hamilton.** Michael Mollitor described the project to install a Farmers Insurance sign. Commissioners inquired if it would be a lighted sign and were told it would be.

Motion made by Commissioner Hanley, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for application number J26-2861 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.*

Commissioner Amo stated Standard #10 is more appropriate for the work to be completed.

Motion made by Commissioner Amo, seconded by Commissioner Hanley, to amend the original motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for *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.* 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion to amend approved.. A vote was taken on the main motion, as amended. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

VII. Old Business

No old business.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Raines, seconded by Commissioner Naumann, to adjourn the meeting at 4:44 p.m. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina McEmber
Urban Planner