

Historic Preservation Commission
October 13, 2025
City Hall, Edward & Martha Berry Conference Room

Attendance:

Members - Mary Anne Reeves, Mark Snider, Cyrus Moore, Richard Vedder, Tim Anderson, and John Valentour

Guests - Richard Shultz, as Architect for COP applications; Pete Couladis, property owner; and Megan and Justin, Ohio University students

Absent - Bill Walker and Meghan Jennings

Agenda

1. **Call to Order** - Mary Anne, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.
 - Mary Anne had all in attendance introduce themselves.
2. **Disposition of Minutes** from August 11 meeting.
 - The Commission did not review the minutes from this meeting. The Commission decided to vote on the August minutes at the next meeting on November 10.
3. **Old Business**
 - Certificate of Appropriateness 43 & 45 South Court Street
 - Mark left the room due to a conflict of interest.
 - The status of the balcony proposed was reviewed. The City has not responded to the proposed balcony design.
 - The balcony concept was approved by the Commission, not the design elements. These will need to be reviewed when formalized.
 - Richard Shultz provided a cut sheet for a window and a photo of the door proposed for the two buildings. The window is Pella 2500 series double hung unit. The door is a standard ½ light residential exterior unit. No cut sheet was provided only a photograph.
 - A photo of the window/mullion from the inside of 43 South Court was presented. It shows a wide wood mullion between wood windows. The elevation previously submitted shows 6 windows in the window assembly. Richard S. indicated the mullion assembly is to remain.
 - The vinyl window unit submitted was discussed and generally did not receive a favorable review from the Commission. This is a commercial building and should have commercial grade materials.
 - The structure should also employ materials compatible to historic guidelines established by the Commission.
 - The Commission discussed the costs of materials and feel products can be reasonable and still conform to the historic standards established. The Commission indicated the primary focus is the Court Street Elevation.
 - Richard S. was directed to alternate materials provided by Pella that might be appropriate for this structure. The Impervia series are fiberglass units, and the Reserve series provide aluminum clad units. Both provide compatible doors, and both are commercial grade.
 - The Commission discussed the removal of the existing canopies at both buildings. The structure is not known behind them. The new balcony will make a transition line at 45 South Court Street, but specific detailing cannot be determined until demolition is complete. The commission will need to review solutions affecting the final detailing at these areas.
 - Richard S. stated that no change or construction is planned for the first floors of either building.

- Mary Anne asked about brick cleaning and Richard S. indicated the brick are not to be cleaned.
 - Certificate of Appropriateness 65 North Court Street
 - Richard Shultz indicated the project is in a preliminary review with the State of Ohio. ADA issues need to be resolved for access to the second floor.
- 4. New Business**
 - Lasher Hall
 - The Commission noted that something is possibly being planned for the building.
- 5. Announcements**
 - Mary Anne announced that the next scheduled meeting is November 10, 2025.
- 6. Adjourn**
 - Richard motioned to adjourn at 6:25 p.m.
 - Tim seconded the motion.
 - All in favor; none opposed. Motion passed.