

**Historic Preservation Commission**  
February 9, 2026  
City Hall, Edward & Martha Berry Conference Room

**Attendance:**

Members – Mark Snider, Cyrus Moore, Richard Vedder, Tim Anderson, Bill Walker, John Valentour (zoom), and Meghan Jennings

Guests – Richard Shultz (zoom)

Absent –

**Agenda**

1. **Call to Order** – Tim, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
  - John Valentour was in attendance, but since he attended via Zoom, he could not vote and did not count towards quorum.
2. **Disposition of Minutes** from December 8, 2025 meeting.
  - Bill motioned to approve the December minutes.
    - Richard V. seconded the motion.
    - All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.
3. **Old Business**
  - Lasher Hall – Local Historic Landmark Designation
    - Bill reviewed his research that he shared with the Commission. And then reviewed the process through Council for this landmark designation to get approved.
    - The Commission discussed the history of the building and its tenants.
    - Bill requested that the owners/operators of The Paper Book (future tenant for Lasher Hall) be invited to the Council meetings. Bill stated that he would have Debbie Walker contact Tim, as Chair, when the hearing is scheduled for Council.
    - The Commission thanked Bill for his research.
    - Cyrus moved to submit the application to Council.
      - Richard V. seconded.
      - All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.
4. **New Business**
  - Certificate of Appropriateness 37 North Court Street
    - Richard S. described the proposed façade improvements. He revealed that they are adding a large roll-up window to the right of the entrance door, as well as a normal sized window immediately to the left of the entrance door. Richard S. explained that there will be no structural changes made to the building so they do not need a commercial building permit from the State.
    - The Commission discussed what the building has historically looked like.
    - Cyrus stated that the current conditions are not historically accurate but do need significant improvements.
    - The Commission reviewed that the proposed changes are not historically accurate but discussed that they would significantly improve the appearance of the existing façade.
    - Cyrus made a motion to approve the certificate of appropriateness in alignment with the design presented at this February meeting.
      - The Commission reviewed that they do prefer for improvements to match the historical appearance as best as possible.
      - Richard V. seconded.
      - All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.
5. **Announcements**

- Tim announced that the next scheduled meeting is March 9, 2026
  - Cyrus mentioned that he will be absent for the March meeting.
  - Richard V. stated that he will be absent for the April meeting.
- The commission discussed needing recommendations for potential new members. They reviewed the by-laws and membership requirements.
  - Mark asked if having a commission member who is an uptown business owner is allowed.
  - The commission discussed that a previous member, Keith Chapman, was an uptown business owner and it was not problematic. The commission discussed asking Ann or Chris Cornwell. They also discussed having a university administrative presence, like the campus planning office.
  - Richard V. suggested Randy Gonzalez.
  - Tim stated that he could reach out to the people discussed by the commission.
  - Meghan stated that she would check in with Mayor Patterson, to see if he has anyone selected or what his thoughts are.

## **6. Adjourn**

- Richard V. motioned to adjourn at 6:08 p.m.
  - Cyrus seconded the motion.
  - All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.