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## Historic District Commission

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### Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2026

Members present: Cody Blanchard, Marguerite Erwin, Lance Ledet, Trey Ledet

Members absent: None

Also Present: Monique Reulet, Public Works Executive Secretary; Trey Waguespack, Public Works Assistant Director; Mayor Kevin Clement

Erwin moved to accept the minutes presented for the October 16, 2025 meeting. The motion was seconded by T. Ledet, all commission members were in favor, motion carries 4 to 0, with 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

Blanchard introduced the first item on the agenda - to review the proposal by Harold Callais for demolition of guest house, construction of commercial kitchen, ADA ramp upgrades and other exterior renovation projects at 506 St Philip Street.

Perrin Ehlinger, 14 Metairie Court, was present to represent this proposal. He explained the plans for this property to the members, noting that this proposal is for the accessory buildings and not the house itself. T. Ledet asked for an explanation of the intended use of the building and Ehlinger stated that it will be a commercial kitchen that serves events at the house. Erwin clarified that it would be torn down and rebuilt, and asked if it will match the façade of the house. Ehlinger stated that the façade will try to complement the house without competing with it. Erwin then questioned the zoning use changes that will need to be made for this property. Blanchard asked if they chose to approve this, would it have to be contingent on other zoning approvals being granted and Public Works Executive Secretary Monique Reulet said yes.

T. Ledet Asked what the plans were for the house and Ehlinger said it needs a lot of repairs, but they do not intend to change much aside from trying to revert back to the historical design. They would like to go back to the original design with exposed brick exterior and box gutters. Erwin questioned the location of windows on the side of the kitchen facing the street and Ehlinger stated that these are intended to serve as display windows. Ehlinger then added that the layout of the kitchen is intended to provide more protection for the large tree on the property, as it will sit farther away from the tree than the current building does. He also explained that they will be switching to a more permeable parking option to allow for more root drainage for the tree.

On call for public comment, there was none.

Erwin made a motion to approve the proposal by Harold Callais for demolition of guest house, construction of commercial kitchen, ADA ramp upgrades and other exterior renovation projects at 506 St Philip Street. The motion was seconded by L. Ledet, all commission members were in favor, motion carries 4 to 0, with 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

Blanchard introduced the second item on the agenda - to review proposal by Tosky's Inc/Eagle Tire & Auto for exterior stucco removal, metal framing installation and window frame replacement at 105 E 7th Street.

Michael Billiot, 105 E 7<sup>th</sup> Street, was present to represent his request. He explained that the front building was previously occupied by another business, but he intends to take over that space to serve as an office and waiting area for his business. He noted that their plan is to make the exterior match to look like one building, with the preferred material being flat metal panels.

On call for public comment, Mayor Kevin Clement, 310 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, stepped forward to speak, stating that he is in support of both of these proposals and would like to see them get approved.

T. Ledet made a motion to approve the proposal by Tosky's Inc/Eagle Tire & Auto for exterior stucco removal, metal framing installation and window frame replacement at 105 E 7th Street. The motion was seconded by Erwin, all commission members were in favor, motion carries 4 to 0, with 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

In other business, Erwin discussed the under-canopy signs that many businesses downtown have, and how new permitting requirements have caused some issues with getting these types of signs approved. Reulet explained that these signs now require engineer approval, which is hard to get, so the City is reviewing the possibility of amending the sign ordinance to increase the size of the exempt under-canopy signs. Erwin asked the commission if they would be open to revising this in the sign ordinance.

Erwin and Blanchard discuss revisiting the proposed revisions to the Historic District Commission ordinance.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.