



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING  
CITY OF THIBODAUX  
CITY HALL  
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA  
March 12, 2026**

The Historic District Commission of the City of Thibodaux assembled at its regular meeting place, City Hall, 310 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Thibodaux, Louisiana, Wednesday, March 21, 2026 at 4:00 P.M.

There were present: Cody Blanchard, Marguerite Erwin, Lance Ledet, Trey Ledet

Absent: None

Also present: Monique Reulet, Sonya Cabrera, Josh Bourgeois, Kevin Clement

There was a quorum present.

The minutes of the February 12, 2026 Historic District Commission meeting were approved as written.

**YEAS:** Blanchard, Erwin, L. Ledet, T. Ledet

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Blanchard introduced a proposal by Aaron Guidry for exterior signage to be installed at 302 West 4th Street.

Aaron Guidry was present to represent his request. He stated that he will be installing a bronze plaque that is 20in. by 18in.

On motion of Erwin, seconded by T. Ledet, the Commission voted to approve the proposal by Aaron Guidry for exterior signage to be installed at 302 West 4th Street.

.....Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

**YEAS:** Blanchard, Erwin, L. Ledet, T. Ledet

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Blanchard introduced a proposal by Ben & April Alvarez for exterior repairs, painting & window installation at 514 W 3rd Street.

Ben Alvarez, 514 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, was present to represent his request. He stated that windows will be added underneath the existing windows on the side of the building. He will also be adding a fourth window on this side of the building. He added that the bricks are damaged, and he would like to do a technique called "German Smear" on

this area. His paint color of choice for the building is “Peacock Plume” by Sherwin Williams. T. Ledet asked if it is old clay brick, and Alvarez stated that it is Chicago clay brick. T. Ledet added that he does have some concern about moisture retention in the brick if this German Smear technique is used, and Alvarez said it will be sealed. T. Ledet suggested a breathable sealant.

Erwin stated she thinks this exterior was all brick at one point, and Alvarez said he was not sure. Erwin asked what the planned usage for the space was and Alvarez said it will be retail space. Blanchard asked about the plans for the front door, and Alvarez stated that the front door will remain as will the framing around it. He added that the front windows will be replaced. T. Ledet verified the color choice and which areas of the building would be painted that color. Alvarez explained that they will be painting the entire front of the building, including the portion that he does not own. Erwin asked about the windows on the front of the building and Alvarez stated that they will be replaced with the same size, and will have black framing. The members then discussed the “G Schifani” wording on the building and asked what the plans were for that. Alvarez stated that he did not have any plans but was open to suggestions. Blanchard suggested trimming the letters in a different color.

On motion of T. Ledet, seconded by L. Ledet, the Commission voted to approve the proposal by Ben & April Alvarez for exterior repairs, painting & window installation at 514 W 3rd Street.

.....Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

**YEAS:** Blanchard, Erwin, L. Ledet, T. Ledet  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAINED:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

Blanchard introduced a proposal by Lisa Kliebert/Bayou Region Incubator for outdoor parklet area including seating, landscaping and barriers at 203 W 2nd Street.

Lisa Kliebert, 203 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St, was present to represent her request. She explained that this plan is an extension of what they are doing inside the building. She added that they will match the existing tile in the greenery area. Blanchard asked if the structure was being modified and Kliebert said no. Kliebert explained that they are keeping the last window/drive through in case they ever need it. T. Ledet asked if the parking space was going away and Kliebert said no, they were just moving them back.

Erwin asked if the picnic tables were going to be wood, and Kliebert said it would be a composite material. Erwin questioned the choice to use a hexagonal pattern for the pavers and Kliebert said they were trying to keep with the look from the inside. Ryan Foret, Foret Group, was also present and he stated that this design complements the design of the monument sign. Kliebert added that the darker tiles are existing. L. Ledet asked about fencing plans and Foret stated that they will use black aluminum that will be removable for events.

On motion of T. Ledet, seconded by Erwin, the Commission voted to approve the proposal by Lisa Kliebert/Bayou Region Incubator for outdoor parklet area including seating, landscaping and barriers at 203 W 2nd Street.

.....Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

**YEAS:** Blanchard, Erwin, L. Ledet, T. Ledet  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAINED:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

Blanchard introduced proposed changes to the Historic District Commission ordinance. He added that the documents provided are the most recent draft. T. Ledet asked for the process of approvals of this new ordinance. Public Works Executive Secretary Monique Reulet stated that after the Historic Commission approves it, it will be presented to Planning & Zoning. They will make their comments and then the proposal will be sent to City Council for final approval. T. Ledet then asked if this document would be accessible to the public. Blanchard said City Council would have a copy and he believed that people could request it. T. Ledet then requested a digital copy of the proposal. Blanchard questioned what they could do to address properties that are only being used for storage.

**Erwin stated that her major concern was places that are boarded up. Blanchard suggested that they could address certain situations or time frames in which it would be acceptable for buildings to be boarded up. Erwin discussed aesthetics of having boarded up structures. Reulet referred to an area in the current zoning ordinance that makes exceptions for buildings damaged by a “force majeure”. Mayor Kevin Clement cautioned the members to not get too specific as to cause the City more issues.**

**In other business, Reulet told the Commission that they have a nomination for a new member who would be going to City Council next week for final approval.**

**There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:38 P. M.**