
Historic District Commission

Meeting Minutes

May 14th, 2026

Members present: Cody Blanchard, Marguerite Erwin, Trey Ledet, Andrew Benoit-Naquin

Members absent: Lance Ledet

Also present: Josh Bourgeois, Public Works Director; Kevin Clement, Mayor; Sonya Cabrera, Public Works Secretary

Blanchard called the meeting to order.

Erwin moved to accept the minutes presented for the April 9th, 2026 meeting. The motion was seconded by Benoit-Naquin, all commission members were in favor, motion carried 4 to 0, with 1 absent and 0 abstaining.

Blanchard recused himself from discussion as he was the applicant.

Erwin introduced the first item on the agenda- to review proposal by Cody Blanchard for exterior painting and sign installation at 409-B W 3rd St.

Cody Blanchard, 409-B W 3rd St., was present to represent his request. Blanchard is wanting to repaint the exterior wall of the building using two separate colors that are both from the Sherwin Williams historical color palette. He wants to also paint the wrought iron fence black as well. Blanchard would also like to install a small hanging sign for directional purposes since the entrance door is tucked into building. The colors of the sign will contrast with the new paint colors. Erwin asked what will be the size of the proposed sign. Blanchard replied that the size will fall within the sign regulations. Blanchard also stated that the windows will stay as is and the trim and fascia will be a Roycroft Pewter color.

T. Ledet made a motion to approve the proposal by Cody Blanchard, for exterior painting and sign installation at 409-B W 3rd St. The motion was seconded by Benoit-Naquin, all Commission members were in favor, motion carried 3 to 0, with 1 absent and 1 abstaining.

Blanchard recused himself from discussion as he was the applicant.

Erwin introduced the second item on the agenda- to review proposal by Cody Blanchard for exterior sign installation at 407 and 407-A W. 4th St.

Cody Blanchard, 407-A W. 4th St., was present to represent his request. He would like to replace the current sign which is rusting. Blanchard wants to remove brackets and repaint black and put one inch square tubing to hang sign which will also be black. Benoit-Naquin asked if the new sign will remain the same size. Blanchard replied yes, but that the height may be slightly different. Erwin asked if the sign will be black, Blanchard replied the frame only. The sign colors will represent each of the tenants' brand colors.

Benoit-Naquin made a motion to approve the proposal by Cody Blanchard, for installation of exterior signage at 407 and 407-A W. 4th St. The motion was seconded by T. Ledet, all Commission members were in favor, motion carried 3 to 0, with 1 absent and 1 abstaining.

Erwin introduced the third item on the agenda- to review proposal by Nicole Arceneaux for sign installation at 505 W. 3rd St.

Arceneaux was not present to discuss their request.

Erwin stated that the sign will be 9 sq. ft. Erwin also stated that the new sign ordinance was not enforced yet. Erwin stated that Arceneaux is requesting the sign to be much smaller than what they are currently allowed. Erwin commented that the sign was not extremely historic but has a contemporary look. L. Ledet stated that the style of sign does fit with the style of the building.

Naquin made a motion to approve the proposal by Nicole Arceneaux for sign installation at 505 W. 3rd St. The motion was seconded by L. Ledet, all Commission members were in favor, motion carried 3 to 0, with 2 being absent and 0 abstaining.

Erwin introduced proposed changes to the Historic District Committee ordinance. The members of the board will like to have their final draft of the new ordinance by August and work on corrections and consolidating the new ordinance in June and July.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.