



City of Ann Arbor

Formal Minutes - Final

Historic District Commission

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Thursday, May 8, 2025

7:00 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second
floor, City Council Chambers

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A. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Rochlen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM stating:

Welcome to the Thursday, May 8, 2025, in-person and electronic (hybrid) meeting of the Ann Arbor Historic District Commission. Public comment will be via in-person, via Zoom or via telephone. To speak during any of the public comment opportunities please call 877-853-5247 (Toll Free) or 213-338-8477 and enter meeting ID 965 3669 9762. This information is also available on the published agenda, in the public notices section of the city website, and on the broadcast of this meeting on CTN channel 16, AT&T channel 99, and online at www.a2gov.org/watchctn.

B. **ROLL CALL**

Historic Preservation Coordinator and Principal Planner Jill Thacher called the roll noting there was not quorum and the commission could not take action on applications and meeting minutes cannot be approved, but the meeting would still be held.

Present: 3 - Chair David Rochlen, Benjamin Calderon, and Steve Kaplan

Absent: 3 - Kathryn Fortener, Jennifer Ross, and Chip Smith

Others present:

Historic Preservation Coordinator and Principal Planner, Jill Thacher

C. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT - (3 Minutes per Speaker)

Seeing no speakers Chair Rochlen closed the Public Comment

FOR ZOOM PARTICIPANTS, PHONE CALLERS CAN PRESS *9 TO RAISE HANDS AND *6 TO UNMUTE THEIR PHONES WHEN CALLED UPON TO SPEAK.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

F. HEARINGS

F-1. [25-0911](#) HDC25-0057; 526 Fifth Street, Garage ADU; OWSHD

Attachments: 526 Fifth Street Staff Report with Attachments.pdf

STAFF PRESENTATION:

Historic Preservation Coordinator and Principal Planner, Jill Thacher presented the staff report. [See attached in agenda packet]

REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Commissioners Ben Calderon and Steve Kaplan visited the site as part of their review. They reported their findings and recommendations to the Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The applicant was present via Zoom to respond to the Commission's enquiries.

G. NEW BUISNESS

G-1. [25-0912](#) 717 West Huron Street, Historic Marker Application

Attachments: 717 W Huron Plaque Application.pdf

STAFF PRESENTATION:

Historic Preservation Coordinator and Principal Planner, Jill Thacher presented the proposed request.

The Historic Marker application was unanimously approved.

G-2. [25-0913](#) Historic District Commission Award Nominations

Attachments: 2025 proposed HDC award winners.pdf

Historic Preservation Coordinator and Principal Planner, Jill Thacher introduced the proposed item.

The 2025 Historic District Commission Award nominations were unanimously approved.

G-3. [25-0914](#) Design Guidelines Assignment and Review

STAFF PRESENTATION:

Historic Preservation Coordinator and Principal Planner, Jill Thacher presented Chapter 6 of the Design Guidelines.

H. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

H-1. [25-0915](#) April 10, 2025 HDC Meeting Minutes

Attachments: April 10, 2025 HDC Meeting Minutes.pdf

Due to lack of quorum, approval of the April 10, 2025 HDC Meeting Minutes was postponed to the Thursday, June 12, 2025 HDC meeting.

I. **REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

None.

J. **ASSIGNMENTS**

J-1. [25-0917](#) Review Committee: Monday, June 9, 2025, at 5pm, for the Thursday, June 12, 2025, Regular Meeting

Commissioners Ben Calderon and Steve Kaplan volunteered for the Monday, June 9, 2025 HDC Review Committee.

K. **REPORTS FROM STAFF**

None.

L. CONCERNS OF COMMISSIONERS

Chair Rochlen asked about the Comprehensive Plan and how the plan may affect Historic Districts

M. COMMUNICATIONS

Received and filed.

N. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:54 pm

David Rochlen, Chairperson
Jill Thacher, HDC Staff Coordinator/Planner

Courtney Manor, Administrative Assistant

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