



Meeting of the Historic District Commission

January 8, 2026, 5:30 PM

City Hall Rock Street Annex Meeting Room & Zoom

NOTE: The January 8, 2026 Historic District Commission meeting was held in person and online. Staff were present in person.

Members: Chair Christine Myres, Meredith Mahan, Mark Harper, Cheri Coley, Jennifer Didway, Tommie Flowers Davis, and Karen Rorex

City Staff: Kylee Cole – Long Range & Preservation Planner; Britin Bostick - Long Range Planning & Special Projects Manager

Call to Order: 5:41 PM ***The meeting was called to order late as the Planning Commission's Agenda Session was held in the same meeting room and extended past 5:30pm.

In Attendance: Chair Christine Myres, Cheri Coley, Meredith Mahan, Jennifer Didway, Mark Harper, Tommie Flowers Davis, Karen Rorex, Britin Bostick, and Kaci Black. Commissioner Flowers Davis joined the meeting at approximately 6:00pm.

Approval of Minutes from the December 11, 2025 Meeting: Motion to accept by Commissioner Coley, second by Commissioner Mahan. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Unfinished Business:

- 1. Downtown Design Overlay District Review:** Bostick presented slides prepared by Cole which recapped prior discussions of marquees and awnings and colonnades and arcades. This discussion focused on balconies and coordinating the requirements with building code. Bostick explained City staff's goals for coordinating zoning requirements with building code requirements and how that could be addressed in the code sections shown in the presentation, and also shared an example of a balcony on the building at 1 W. Mountain Street. That balcony required a variance from the Planning Commission as the balcony extended the full width of the building instead of the prescribed 80% in the code. Commissioners discussed and debated the merits of allowing the full 100% width and different balcony and building types. Chair Myres stated support for the proposed changes. Bostick showed a second slide that proposed to remove language that was prescriptive regarding columns, arches, pedestals, railings, and balustrades and that is duplicative. Commissioners were generally in favor of removing the text.
- 2. Citywide Survey Ph. 1 Update:** Bostick announced Post Oak Preservation Solutions is working ahead of schedule and the project draft has received the required review from the state preservation office. She inquired if all commissioners had been able to access the link provided by Cole, and Commissioners Harper and Flowers Davis noted they were not able to access the document. Bostick offered to follow up with them individually to make sure they could access and read the draft

survey document. Commissioners expressed enthusiasm for the project quality and speed.

New Business: None.

Announcements:

1. Bostick announced that the SE Fayetteville neighborhood's petition for a local historic district had been certified by the Clerk's office and that staff would begin preparing it for the commission's review.
2. Bostick reminded commissioners that the Oak Grove Historic District will be considered by the City Council at their January 20 meeting and encouraged commissioners to attend.
3. Bostick asked for the commissioners to be thinking about projects for 2026. Commissioner Mahan noted the project list from the Heritage & Historic Preservation Plan and Chair Myres supported conferring with that document for ideas.
4. Chair Myres asked about the status of Bicentennial Planning. Bostick replied that the Mayor has been working with staff to coordinate and organize early planning efforts.
5. Commissioner Didway asked about CAMP training. Bostick noted that funds were not available for 2026 as hoped but Fayetteville maintains interest in hosting the next statewide training and is awaiting news on when that may be feasible. Chair Myres recommended membership with the National Association of Preservation Commissions, and Bostick noted Cole is expected to represent the city at their annual conference this year.
6. The next meeting is Thursday, February 12. Commissioners expressed their intent to recognize Bostick's birthday at the meeting.

Adjourned: 6:23 PM