



Meeting of the Historic District Commission

August 13, 2026, 5:30 PM
City Hall Room 101 & Zoom

NOTE: The August 13, 2026 Historic District Commission meeting was held in person and online. Staff were present in person.

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

City Staff: Kylee Cole – Long Range & Preservation Planner; Britin Bostick - Long Range Planning & Special Projects Manager, Kaci Black – Long Range Communication & Outreach

Call to Order: 5:30 PM

In Attendance: Chair Christine Myres, Vice Chair Cheri Coley, Mark Harper, Jennifer Didway, Karen Rorex, Kylee Cole, and Britin Bostick.

Approval of Minutes from the July 9, 2026 Meeting: Motion to accept by Commissioner Harper, second by Vice Chair Coley. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Local Historic Districts Update:** Cole reported to the Commission that the Oak Grove District amendment was approved with minimal discussion. The Black Historic District was passed with public comment in favor and a lot of positive comments. Cole additionally noted Black Historic Districts exist in Hot Springs and on the National Register in other places. The South Fayetteville Historic District was tabled to the next meeting, which is Tuesday, August 18. Commissioners had questions for Cole about the process.

Commissioner Flowers Davis joined the meeting near the end of discussion of this item.

New Business:

2. **Commissioner Training:** Cole asked Commissioners for requests for training topics. Chair Myres asked for what-if scenarios for Certificates of Appropriateness. She additionally asked for a reacquaintance with the process of a public hearing and consideration of the certificate. Commissioner Harper mentioned previous training and asked for training on how to navigate making decisions when multiple approaches could be taken. Cole asked Commissioners to bring binders to meetings for reference and offered to bring print-outs to supplement the current information. Chair Myres asked for timing and Cole replied she plans to take 20-30 minutes per session and spread it out over time.

3. **Citywide Historic Resource Survey Ph. 2:** Cole reported to the Commission that Post Oak Preservation Solutions has been hired for the second phase. Their trips will be in October and November for the in person survey but the team is already at work. Cole has found the Phase 1 survey work to be very helpful in her work already and has been including information in the Long Range memos on rezoning applications.

Chair Myres asked if the survey is on the website. Cole said she can send it but the survey forms are on the city's GIS map online so they are housed in an interactive map format. The recommendations are perhaps more useful for staff and the Commission than the public but Cole is happy to share, it is a large document.

Announcements:

1. **Downtown Plan Update:** Bostick shared a project status update with the Commissioners and the various opportunities in September and October to comment on the plan draft, both virtually and in person.
2. Commissioner Flowers Davis asked how property owners can ask to be included in the historic districts. Cole said she can be the point of contact. Flowers Davis also asked how a historic stone wall would be treated on a property she is developing. Cole offered to check on the status of the project and any applicable requirements.
3. **National Register Nominations:** Cole shared that the Marinoni Building on N. College moving forward to listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Many know the building as the Star Shopper.

Adjourned: 6:12 PM