

HARLAN HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE – FEBRUARY 18TH, 2026

The HHPC Committee met on Wednesday, February 18th, 2026, at 4:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers and electronically via Zoom.

Present: Sharon Lucke, Roger Bissen

Present via Zoom: Jerry Henscheid

Absent: Kyle Lindberg, Gervas Mgonja

Also Present: Maya Kenkel – HHPC Secretary, Ashley Schleis, Perry Gross, Tony Carter, Shari Nichols

The meeting was called to order by Kenkel. It was moved by Bissen and seconded by Lucke to approve the agenda with the correction of 1101 5th St instead of 1105 5th St. Motion carried unanimously.

Any conflicts of interest to be stated, if applicable.

It was moved by Lucke and seconded by Bissen to approve the minutes of the 12-18-2025 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The Committee conducted applicant interviews with the following FY 26-27 applicants:

4:30 PM – Perry Gross – 715 Market St – 2026-USF-001

The applicant presented a project for a new commercial storefront. The project includes expanding the width of the center overhead door and adding a walk-in door to the front right of the building. To achieve the added width, they will add an I-beam and remove the central brick pillar. The walk-in door leads to an office space that is closed off from the warehouse. The project also includes new windows. Henscheid questioned whether the original windows were full windows. The applicant advised that this was the case and that it would be expensive to convert to full windows with commercial aluminum storefront glass. Henscheid further noted that not having the full windows gives the perception of closing the building off instead of opening it up. Bissen asked for the applicant's consideration to put in the full windows. It was clarified that it would only be left the left side window. The applicant agreed to consider and could provide those prices by the end of the week. The Committee will make a decision based on the updated estimates unless they deem an additional interview to be necessary.

- It was moved by Henscheid and seconded by Bissen to revisit the application pending a quote for full windows. The motion carried unanimously.

5:00 PM – Tony Carter

- 713 Court St – 2026-USF-002

The applicant presented with a project to turn the fence in front of the alleyway shared with 707 Court St into a wall. He advised he was in talks with said neighboring property owner, and they would move forward with the project regardless of if they received the grant funding. The Committee advised that the grant is not designed to build a wall off the structure.

- It was moved by Lucke and seconded by Henscheid to deny funding for this application. The motion carried unanimously.

- 1017 7TH St – 2026-USF-003

The applicant presented adding awnings that would be black in color and included estimates for the same. This parcel includes two addresses; the other address is 1013 7th St. The Committee liked the idea and expressed no issues with proposed project.

- It was moved by Lucke and seconded by Henscheid to approve funding for this application as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- 1101 5th St – 2026-USF-004

The applicant presented adding awnings that would be black in color and included estimates for the same. The Committee liked the idea and expressed no issues with the proposed project.

- It was moved by Lucke and seconded by Henscheid to approve funding for this application as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4:30 PM – Shari Nichols – 614 Market St – 2026-USF-005

The applicant presented an upper story remodeling project. The application and quote are for the framing portion of the project only. The electrical and remaining portions of the project will come next year. It was noted that this property is eligible for \$16,500.00.

- It was moved by Lucke and seconded by Henscheid to approve funding for this application as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The Committee discussed the status of outstanding grants and eligibility options for the businesses in the grant area.

Meeting adjourned.

Maya Kenkel

Maya Kenkel, Recording Secretary

“These minutes are as recorded by the secretary and are subject to approval at the next regular meeting.”