

HARLAN HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE – FEBRUARY 23rd, 2026

The HHPC Committee met on Monday, February 23rd, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. in the City Council Chambers and electronically via Zoom.

Present: Sharon Lucke, Roger Bissen, Kyle Lindberg, Gervas Mgonja

Present via Zoom: Austin Kesterson

Absent: Jerry Henscheid

Also Present: Maya Kenkel – HHPC Secretary, Ashley Schleis, Ellen Walsh-Rosmann, James Sheehan

The meeting was called to order by Kenkel. It was moved by Lindberg and seconded by Lucke to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Any conflicts of interest to be stated, if applicable. None stated.

It was moved by Bissen and seconded by Lindberg to approve the minutes of the 02-18-2026 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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

10:30 AM – Ellen Rosmann – 919 7th St – 2026-USF-006

The applicant presented a project to restore the patio area to its original design and make it safe and usable for 80 percent of the year. This design would entail enclosing the patio with garage doors and would be a two-phase project. The applicant presented today with phase one which includes the flooring and framing for the project. Phase two would include the installation of the garage doors. Regarding the flooring, the current penny tile is not salvageable, so the plan was to make it polished cement.

Bissen offered the idea of stamped concrete as an alternative, and the applicant was receptive to the idea. Lucke inquired about awnings, and the applicant advised that she has the awnings from their old building and that she intends to have them fitted at the conclusion of the project.

It was later discussed by the Committee that flooring would not be considered a façade.

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

11:00 AM – James Sheehan

- 714 Market St – 2026-USF-007

The applicant presented a façade project to match the project they did on the alley side of the building. This includes removing the blue steel and replacing it with rockface CMU eight feet (8') up. Above the eight feet (8'), it will be steel beam. One garage door will be removed, and the office glass will be updated. The office door is the right-side garage door. They will be adding three (3) three-by-three-foot (3x3') or four-by-four-foot (4x4') windows (black commercial aluminum) at the center of the building. They also plan to replace the existing steel garage door. Elevate Roofing will be fabricating and installing new custom metal around the doors.

This will be utilized by the applicant as office and shop space.

The new color of the building was undecided, but they considered matching the blue on the alley side.

The applicant also noted the water issues and damage coming from neighboring buildings.

- It was moved by Lindberg and seconded by Bissen to approve funding for this application as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
 - 1117 7TH St – 2026-USF-008
- The applicant presented a façade project to return to the storefront display windows. The glass on the left side would mirror the glass on the right side. They would also be adding a door to the right side as well. The glass on the door will be replaced with push/pull hardware, closer, sweep, deadbolt lock, and threshold. The old wood around the entranceway and window will be removed and replaced with stone, including the area above the windows. They plan to match the colors of the Four Seasons Travel storefront and paint the top red strip black. The signs will come down and be given back to the previous owners. They will probably have two tenants.
- It was moved by Lucke and seconded by Bissen to approve funding for this application as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

11:30 AM – Austin Kesterson – 624 Market St – 2026-USF-009

The applicant presented an upper story project to gut and renovate the front 595 square foot apartment. After demo, he would install new electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and framing. He will keep the 14-foot ceilings. The applicant noted he had been looking for a building for five years and closes on the property this week. He also showed his interest in

extra funding to make the residence handicap accessible. His goal is to have it done by the end of summer to provide a good residence for a teacher.

The main level will be a mattress and massage chair store, and he does not have plans for the basement at this time.

It was noted by Bissen that each bedroom needs to have a second way out (ex. egress windows, ladder). The applicant advised he would more than likely have a ladder for each window.

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

The Committee discussed fund allocation for the 8 approved grants.

The Committee reviewed and advised on the updating of the HHPC Grant Funds Tracking spreadsheet. It was noted that the parcel linear feet for parcels with multiple addresses should be physically measured to ensure accuracy.

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.”