



**CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE
DOWNTOWN ADVISORY BOARD**
Hive on 5 - 125 5th Avenue W | Hendersonville, NC 28792
Tuesday, May 12, 2026 – 4:00 PM



MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – In attendance: Joe Dinan, Patsy DuPre, Aaron Adams, Herman Holt, John Ryan, Oliver Wall, Nancy Neikirk, Sheryl Solomon, Chris Cormier

Absent: Jenny Breedlove, Sam Simmons, Phil Wilmot, Matthew Hickman, Mark Pavao, Ryan Salveson

Virtual: Lyndsey Simpson

Public present: Debi Smith, HCTDA (virtual), Bret Werner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 2026 Downtown Advisory Board Minutes – John Ryan made a motion to approve moved, Aaron Adams seconded. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Patsy DuPre made a motion to approve the agenda, John Ryan seconded the motion, all were in favor.

TEAM & STAFF REPORTS

Economic Vitality Staff & Team Updates – Jamie gave a brief update on façade grants, and also on the 7th Avenue Historic District Survey. The updates were included in the agenda packet.

Matt Manley, long range planning manager, provided an overview of the upcoming restriping for 7th Avenue E. This is a part of the water/sewer project that will be completed soon.

Matt Manley provided an update on the Downtown Design Overlay proposal. The overview was to introduce the next steps to adopt the overlay into the city's zoning code.

Chris Cormier – verbalized that the additional requirements are making it more expensive to do construction

One note regarding first floor residential was to look at sub-grade residential for the ground-floor activation requirement.

Community Character Team Updates – were included in the agenda packet

- **Public Art:** The board discussed a donated banner from the *IAM building* and ongoing policy reviews for mural/banner programs

3. Downtown Staff + Event Updates – Included in agenda packet.

- **Board Membership: Several members** (John, Chris, Matthew) are stepping down or have reached the end of their terms. Applications for new members are open.
- **Fountain Removal:** The metal fountain in front of *First Citizens* is slated for removal due to safety concerns, to be replaced by a simpler fountain.
- **Landscaping:** The city has transitioned to an in-house crew for downtown maintenance following the retirement of our contracted landscape. This has included hanging baskets and on-street landscaping.

ADJOURNMENT

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