



DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

The Design Review Commission held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday August 5, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Committee Present:

Kimberly Lightford –Chairperson
Erica Zakamarek – Vice Chairperson

Committee Absent:

Barbara Casey Lane – Committee Member
Steven Victor – Committee Member
Ricky McKenzie – Committee Member

Guests

Thomas Gillespie, Masonic Lodge
Taneisha Patrick, Ira Lane Coffee

DUE TO LACK OF A QUORUM, NO OFFICIAL BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED. GUESTS / APPLICANTS WERE GIVEN INFORMAL EVALUATIONS OF THEIR ITEMS BY TWO PRESENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of June 3, 2026 and July 1, 2026 Meeting Minutes
- IV. Old Business – No old business this meeting.
- V. New Business
 - a. **Replacement Sign – 142 North McDonough Street;** Parcel No. 13241B D008; Zoned H-1; Replacement panel for existing pylon sign for masonic lodge.

Chair Lightford asked if it would use existing internal light bulbs. (Internal lighting not allowed in Historic District.)

Vice Chair Zakamarek said that the replacement panel was a definite upgrade.

Chair Lightford asked if the base of sign needed landscaping. (There are several existing, mature shrubs near sign base.)

- a. Restaurant – 126 South Main Street;** Parcel No. 13241D C011; Zoned H-1; Proposed sign changes and exterior color changes to existing building (formerly Fig Tree Café).

The applicant said that this would now be a full café with a cooking kitchen, unlike the former Fig Tree Café. Only morning and lunch hours are planned for now. She is doing a new color scheme, replacing the signage and adding sconce lights.

Chair Lightford asked about the hanging sign proposed for the front.

David Allen advised to speak to the Water Authority about the grease trap.

VI. Adjournment 5:20 p.m.