



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

The City of Jonesboro Historic Preservation Commission held their Regular Meeting on Monday, May 18, 2026. The meeting was held at 5:30 p.m. via zoom and in-person at the Jonesboro City Center, 1859 City Center Way, Jonesboro, Georgia, 30236.

Committee Present:

Jule Segner – Chair
Shuntae Lawrence (virtual)
Mary Bruce
Steven Victor (virtual)

Committee Absent:

N/a

Applicants and Guests Present

Samantha Axum with Axum Lab
Dlyan Michael

Faith Akuta recorded the meeting minutes.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM by Jule.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

I. Meeting Minutes

Following discussion, members requested table minutes review.

II. Old Business

a. Commercial – 114 South Main Street; Parcel No. 13241D C006;
commercial window replacement with exterior enhancements ; **H-1**
(Historic District)

The Commission revisited its prior determination requiring wooden windows and discussed the applicant's request to allow vinyl windows as an alternative at the applicants request. Discussion focused on maintaining the historic character of the downtown area while balancing affordability and practical considerations for property owners.

Commission members discussed the potential precedent that approval of vinyl windows could establish for future downtown projects. Members also discussed the differences between wood and vinyl materials, including insulation values, durability, maintenance requirements, and cost considerations. Staff noted that the Historic Preservation standards do not specifically require wood windows but focus on maintaining historic character and compatible design elements.

Following discussion, the Commission approved the use of vinyl windows in place of wooden windows subject to the following conditions:

1. Vinyl windows shall be high-quality material.
2. Double-pane windows shall have a minimum R-value of 1.5.
3. Window color shall match the existing window frame color.
4. Existing arched window configurations shall be maintained.

Staff was directed to prepare an amended Certificate of Approval (COA) reflecting the revised decision with conditions. The applicant shall provide window specifications confirming compliance with the approved conditions prior to installation.

III. New Business

a. Commercial Sign – 116 North McDonough Street; Parcel No. 13241B F005;
Signage; H-1 (Historic District), Wall Signage and exterior improvements

Staff presented a request for signage and exterior improvements for the property located at 116 North McDonough Street. The proposal included installation of a wall-mounted sign as well as decorative exterior elements including statues and planters.

The Commission reviewed the revised design proposal and discussed aesthetic compatibility with the historic district, sign appearance, and pedestrian accessibility. Discussion confirmed that the proposed decorative elements would not compliance standards.

The Commission approved the wall sign with the following conditions:

1. Sign shall consist of a beige background with brown lettering utilizing a neutral color palette.
2. Letters shall remain flush-mounted to the surface and not project outward.
3. Exterior decorative elements, including statues and planters, were approved as presented, provided they do not obstruct or interfere with required sidewalk access or ADA accessibility requirements.

A motion was made by Shuntae and seconded by Steven to approve the request as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:04pm

Steven made the motion, Mary seconded the motion. Passed unanimously