



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Heritage Preservation Commission

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

6:00 PM

6:00 PM - REGULAR AGENDA CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Jarman called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

- Present:** 5 - Chair Baird Jarman, Commissioner Clifford Clark, Commissioner Robert Stangler, Vice Chair Michael Meehan and Commissioner Sarah Beimers
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Amy Machacek Shonka and Commissioner Aaron Street

Also present: Scott Wopata, Community Development Director; Mathias Hughey, Associate Planner; Matt Bailey, Meeting Associate; Teagan Noetzel (Youth Representative); Astrid White (Youth Representative)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice Chair Meehan, seconded by Commissioner Clark, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Yes:** 5 - Chair Jarman, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Stangler, Vice Chair Meehan and Commissioner Beimers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [26-024](#) October 1, 2025 HPC Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Stangler, seconded by Commissioner Beimers, to approve the October 1, 2025 HPC Meeting Minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Yes:** 5 - Chair Jarman, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Stangler, Vice Chair Meehan and Commissioner Beimers

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

BOARD MEMBER AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

No board member and commissioner reports were submitted.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. [HPC Res. 2026-001](#) Consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness for Playground Improvements at Central Park - 421 4th St. E.

Associate Planner Mathias Hughey introduced City of Northfield consultant Bruce Jacobson, who delivered a presentation on the playground improvements at Central Park, 421 4th Street East. Hughey presented the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed improvements. Hughey and Jacobsen responded to questions and comments from the HPC.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Meehan, seconded by Commissioner Stangler, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for Playground Improvements at Central Park - 421 4th Street East. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Jarman, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Stangler, Vice Chair Meehan and Commissioner Beimers

3. [26-025](#) Comments for Proposed Relocation of Sculptures from Bridge Square to Library Grounds.

Associate Planner Mathias Hughey presented draft comments on the proposed relocation of sculptures from Bridge Square to Northfield Public Library grounds. Hughey responded to questions and comments from the HPC concerning the provided sketches, funding, site appropriateness, the history of the project, and steps of the review process.

Hughey introduced the new City of Northfield Community Development Director Scott Wopata. The HPC welcomed Wopata.

The HPC will postpone comment until more information and further design details are made available.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stangler, seconded by Commissioner Beimers, to extend the meeting for 25 minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Jarman, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Stangler, Vice Chair Meehan and Commissioner Beimers

STAFF UPDATES

4. [26-026](#) Staff Updates.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jarman adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.