



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Heritage Preservation Commission

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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

Chair Jarman called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: 5 - Chair Baird Jarman, Commissioner Clifford Clark, Commissioner Robert Stangler, Vice Chair Michael Meehan and Commissioner Aaron Street

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Sarah Beimers and Commissioner Amy Machacek Shonka

Also present: 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 Street, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [26-063](#) January 7, 2026 HPC Meeting Minutes

The HPC discussed ways to include more detail of discussion in the meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Stangler, to approve the January 7, 2026 HPC Meeting Minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

BOARD MEMBER AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

No Board and Commissioner Reports were submitted.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. [26-064](#) Discussion on Solar Panel Regulations in the Historic-Overlay District for the

Zoning Code Update.

Associate Planner Mathias Hughey provided to the HPC information on what guidance and regulations are currently in the Downtown Preservation Guidelines and the Land Development Code regarding the installation of solar panels. Hughey requested that the HPC provide feedback to staff on the preferred direction for regulation of solar panels in the Historic Overlay District and other locally designated Heritage Preservation Sites. The HPC discussed the matter, and Hughey responded to questions and comments from the HPC. The HPC recommended dropping the requirement for a Conditional Use Permit for solar panels as well as simple and clear guidelines on placement and visibility of solar panels. The HPC also discussed the potential impact on character of green or vegetated roofs, solar shingles, and cool white metal roofs.

STAFF UPDATES

- 3. [26-065](#)

Staff Updates.

Associate Planner Mathias Hughey provided updates from City staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jarman adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.