



CITY OF PITTSBURGH
Historic Review Commission

Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2026

In Attendance

Commissioner Catherine Blauvelt - Secretary
Commissioner Helen Cestra
Commissioner Luna Fruensgaard - Chair

Commissioner Marti Isler
Commissioner Ivette Mongalo-Winston
Commissioner K. Chase Patterson

Not Present

Commissioner David Green

City Staff Present

Sharon Spooner
Kevin Kunak
Katie Reed
Maria Cadena
Mary Grace Collins

Historic Review Commission

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 1:00 PM by Commissioner Blauvelt.

B. Approval of Commission Minutes

Date: June 3, 2026

Motion: Approval

- Moved by: Cestra
- Seconded by: Patterson
- In favor: Blauvelt, Cestra, Patterson, Mongalo-Winston
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

CARRIED

C. Approval of Certificates of Appropriateness Report

Date: June 2026

Motion: Approval

- Moved by: Patterson
- Seconded by: Cestra
- In favor: Blauvelt, Cestra, Patterson, Mongalo-Winston
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

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D. Correspondence

1. BDA-2026-03872 4337 Fifth Avenue

- Eduardo Miranda
- Annamaria Fato
- George Danko
- Mary Bilyak
- Rev. Phillip and Mrs. Harriet Vender

Correspondence for items not under review on this agenda

- Updates to City Historic Preservation Code (Title 11) -- Mexican War Streets Society

E. Public Comment

None

F. Hearing & Action Certificates of Appropriateness

1. BDA-2026-03504 – 1423 Adams Street

Manchester Historic District
Manchester Neighborhood
Construction of a new residence

Recommended motion: Approval of the construction of a new residence with the following conditions:
(1) that any requested changes will be submitted to staff for review prior to issuance of a certificate of appropriateness, and (2) that final material selections will also be submitted to staff for approval.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Approval

- Moved by: Patterson
- Seconded by: Isler
- In favor: Blauvelt, Cestra, Patterson, Mongalo-Winston, Fruensgaard, Isler
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

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2. BDA-2026-12497 – 1005 Sheffield Street

Manchester Historic District
Manchester Neighborhood
Proposal to remediate after-the-fact facade alterations.

It was asked that this agenda item be delayed until next month's commission hearing.

3. BDA-2026-035872 – 4337 Fifth Avenue

Oakland Civic Historic District
Central Oakland Neighborhood
Construction of a new University of Pittsburgh dormitory

Recommended motion: Approval of the construction of a new University of Pittsburgh dormitory with the condition that changes to the presented materials or design will be reviewed by staff and, if deemed significant, may require additional review by the HRC

Public Comment: None

Motion: Approval

- Moved by: Patterson
- Seconded by: Isler
- In favor: Blauvelt, Cestra, Patterson, Mongalo-Winston, Fruensgaard, Isler
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

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4. BDA-2026-02951 – 941 Liberty Avenue

Penn-Liberty Historic District

Central Business District Neighborhood

Alterations to the rear and rooftop including construction of a new stair tower and elevator shaft

Recommended motion: Approval of the alterations to the rear and rooftop, including construction of a rooftop addition, with the condition that final material selection will be submitted to staff for approval.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Approval

- Moved by: Cestra
- Seconded by: Mongalo-Winston
- In favor: Blauvelt, Cestra, Patterson, Mongalo-Winston, Fruensgaard, Isler
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

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G. Director's Report

None

H. Adjournment

The Historic Review Commission hearing and action concluded at 1:47.

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