

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

ATHENS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MAY 7, 2026

3:30 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Laura Lenoir
Jona Garrett
James Fries
Chairperson Shawn McKeehan
Perry McCowan (New Council appointee)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kim Cochran-Graham

OTHERS ATTENDING

Nora Cardin
Caitlyn Schuft

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of January 8, 2026, regular meeting minutes

The minutes of the December 4, 2025, regular meeting, were read and approved on motion by Laura Lenoir; seconded by Jona Garrett; vote – unanimous – Councilman McCowan was not present at the time of the vote.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ratification of Certificate of Appropriateness- 510 E. Madison Avenue- for removal of two damaged trees at the rear of the property.

Mrs. Lenoir said two trees fell on her neighbor's truck and in the yard. She had the one that had already fallen removed and there was another tree leaning towards the neighbor's yard.

Mrs. Cardin mentioned that the trees were in the back of yard, only visible from the alley, not visible from Madison. Staff went ahead and approved COA, and it now just needs to be ratified by the Commission.

MOTION: To ratify the COA.

MADE: Jona Garrett

SECOND: Perry McCowan

Mrs. Lenoir abstained from the vote.

VOTE: Unanimous (4-0)

MOTION PASSED

- 2. Certificate of Appropriateness request- 608 Ingleside Avenue- for replacement of deteriorated siding and fascia. Siding and trim will also be sanded and repainted.**

Mrs. Cardin said the applicants were not there because they were traveling that week. The siding and trim that is not deteriorated and not replaced will be sanded and everything will be repainted. They are new owners and they are going to get started on some of the work that needs to be done. She discussed the previous owners and the work they had submitted that needed to be done but did not complete. She read the guidelines pertaining to the request. Everything they proposed to do meets the guidelines.

MOTION: To approve the COA as submitted.

MADE: Laura Lenoir

SECOND: Jona Garrett

VOTE: Unanimous (4-0)

MOTION PASSED



Shawn McKeehan, Chairperson



Jona Garrett, Secretary