

**FORT WAYNE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
ANNUAL MEETING
MINUTES: FEBRUARY 23, 2026**

Location: Omni Room, Citizens Square, 200 East Berry Street

This meeting was digitally recorded for future reference.

Called to Order: Tyler Bowers, Chairperson, at 5:30 PM

I. ROLL CALL:

Members: Tony Borton, Tyler Bowers, Sam Eagleson, Jessica Franke, Angela Harrison, Emily Hower, Beth Walker

Absent: Sam Eagleson, Emily Hower

Staff Present: Creager Smith, Nate Lefever

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Public Hearing & Regular Meeting: January 26, 2026

Motion:

A motion was made by Beth Walker to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2026, meeting. The motion was seconded by Tony Borton.

Vote: The motion was passed unanimously.

III. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Case No.: HPC 2-23-26-1: 802-804 W. Washington Blvd., E 10 FT LOT 142 & LOT 143 EX N 32 FT OF E 24 FT ROCKHILLS 1SR AMD ADD – Development of a gravel parking area of approximately 1,915 square feet; south of an existing gravel parking area of approximately 850 square feet, adjacent to the alley.

Staff:

Creager presented the case packet, application, and process updates, and pertinent information related to the application to the Commission.

Motion:

A motion to open discussion and to approve the application for the development of a gravel parking lot was made by Jessica Franke, and seconded by Angela Harrison.

Comment:

Vote: The Commission voted unanimously to approve case number HPC 2-23-26-1.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Staff Reports: January 2026

Motion:

A motion to approve the January 2026 Staff Report was made by Beth Walker and seconded by Tony Borton.

Vote: The Commission voted unanimously to approve the January 2026 report.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Tyler Bowers nominated himself for the position of Commission Chair.

Vote: The Commission voted unanimously to reappoint Tyler for the position of Commission Chair.

Beth Walker nominated herself for the position of Commission Vice-Chair.

Vote: The Commission voted unanimously to reappoint Beth for the position of Commission Vice-Chair.

Miscellaneous:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 pm