JOPLIN | HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026

The Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Joplin met Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 5:00PM in the Council Chambers, located at Joplin City Hall.

The following commission members were present: Mr. Millard, Mr. Huff, Dr. Mountz, Mr. Brueckner, Dr. Reid-Adams, Ms. Haun, and Ms. Provin.

The following commission members were absent: Dr. Fischer and Ms. DeTar.

Thomas Walters represented the City of Joplin.

1. **Meeting Called to Order**
   Dr. Mountz called the meeting to order of the Historic Preservation Commission at 5:00PM.

2. **Roll Call**
   Mr. Kellstadt called the roll.

   MR. BRUECKNER MADE A MOTION TO EXCUSE ALL ABSENT COMMISION MEMBERS. THIS MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. HUFF. MOTION CARRIED. (7 IN FAVOR, 0 IN OPPOSITION, 2 ABSENT)

3. **Approval of Minutes**
   MR. BRUECKNER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 17, 2026, MEETING MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AS AMENDED. THIS MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. HUFF, MOTION CARRIED. (7 IN FAVOR, 0 IN OPPOSITION, 2 ABSENT)

4. **Budget**

Mr. Walters reported that there will be expenditures that will be reflected in next month. He also noted that the memberships for Missouri Preservation and The National Trust for Historic Preservation are paid. Legal Advertisements were sent to The Joplin Globe for North Heights Survey, which was about $250.

5. **Public Hearings**

None

6. **Discussion Items**

   a. **Memorial Hall**

   There is a public meeting planned at the Joplin Public Library on April 9th at 5:30pm. The Friends of Memorial Hall Board is forming.

   b. **North Heights Survey Phase I and II Update**

   The RFP for Phase I needed to be rebid due to late delivery of bid packets. For Phase II, the ordinance for one agreement and resolution for the application showing financial commitment were pulled but will being going to City Council on April 6th.

   c. **May Preservation Symposium**

   Ticketing will open April 1st. The symposium will be held at MSSU on May 14th. Breakfast will be held at the Mansion on campus.

   d. **Parks Survey**

   Dr. Mountz indicated that work on the survey will continue in May after the semester.

   e. **Local Landmark Designation – 612 W. E Street**

   Mr. Walters informed the commission that the case passed the Planning and Zoning Commission and it will be going to City Council on April 6th.

7. **Old Business**

None

8. **New Business**

a. Track Lighting Interpretation – Sunshine Lamp Design Review Standards

Conditions and standards are being established for track lighting usage within the Sunshine Lamp Historic District. Mr. Walters asked the commission to decide if this will be a major work or a minor work. A minor work allows staff to bypass the Historic Preservation Commission for approvals. It was discussed and determined that any tract lighting determinations should remain categorized as a major work so that the commission can continue oversight for the time being.

MR. BRUECKNER MADE A MOTION TO KEEP TRACK LIGHTING AS A MAJOR WORK. THIS MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. HAUN, MOTION CARRIED. (7 IN FAVOR, 0 IN OPPOSITION, 2 ABSENT)

MR. BRUECKNER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT INTERTIM INTERPERTATION OF DESIGN REVIEW STANDARDS. THIS MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DR. REID-ADAMS MOTION CARRIED. (7 IN FAVOR, 0 IN OPPOSITION, 2 ABSENT)

9. Announcements

Lofts Tour and Tip Top Toast tickets are now available. The event is May 2nd. Eight locations are confirmed, one being the Carnegie Library.

There are two bills going through the state legislature that impact downtown development. The Historic Tax Credit has a bill fixing errors in the previous bill. The other bill is the Upper Floor Housing which would allow additional tax credits to be stacked.

Adjournment

MS. HAUN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 17, 2026, MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION. THIS MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DR. REID-ADAMS. MOTION CARRIED. (7 IN FAVOR, 0 IN OPPOSITION, 2 ABSENT)

Approved _____
Chairperson

Approved Eric Kellstadt
Recording Secretary