JOPLIN | HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026

The Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Joplin met Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 5:00PM in the Council Chambers, located at Joplin City Hall.

The following commission members were present: Mr. Huff, Mr. Millard, Ms. Detar, Dr. Fischer, Dr. Reid-Adams, and Ms. Haun.

The following commission members were absent: Mr. Brueckner, Dr. Mountz, and Ms. Provin.

Thomas Walters represented the City of Joplin.

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

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

   MS. DETAR MADE A MOTION TO EXCUSE ALL ABSENT COMMISION MEMBERS. THIS MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. HUFF. MOTION CARRIED. (6 IN FAVOR, 0 IN OPPOSITION, 3 ABSENT)

3. **Approval of Minutes**
   MR. HUFF MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 21, 2026, MEETING MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION. THIS MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. HAUN, MOTION CARRIED. (6 IN FAVOR, 0 IN OPPOSITION, 3 ABSENT)

4. **Budget**

Mr. Walters reported that were no expenditures from the previous meeting. All memberships and dues are paid except for Missouri Main Street. The North Heights bid was very good, and we might be able to fit this into this year's budget.

5. Public Hearings

Certificate of Appropriateness – 612 W. E Street

Dr. Fischer read the public hearing procedures.

Mr. Walters provided an overview of property. The character of the property is not being compromised from the limited number of historic features on the building. The applicant is proposing to use a synthetic product rather than wood shingles. Staff recommends approval.

Dr. Fischer asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the Certificate of Appropriateness.

Dr. Fischer asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to the Certificate of Appropriateness.

Dr. Reid-Adams asked if there are any historic photos of the building.

Mr. Walters indicated that the photos were included in the April Historic Preservation Commission meeting packet. He went further on to state that the property in question was built in 1915 and there has been many alterations over the years.

Mr. Huff asked if it was known what brand the proposed shingles are.

Mr. Walters provided an active hyperlink to the information pertaining to the shingles in the commission packet. Commissioners can go back and click on the link to find this information.

Mr. Huff asked about the zoning.

Mr. Walters responded that it is currently zone R-2 (Two-Family) but since it has an historic designation it is eligible to receive a special use permit for a proposed boutique.

MR. HUFF MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS. THIS MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DR. REID-ADAMS, MOTION CARRIED. (6 IN FAVOR, 0 IN OPPOSITION, 3 ABSENT)

6. Discussion Items

a. **HPC at North Heights Porchfest**

Mr. Walters mentioned that organizers of North Heights inquired about having the Historic Preservation Commission presence at Porchfest. Dr. Reid-Adams spoke in favor of this idea from the perspective that this would allow the HPC to answer questions pertaining to potential home improvements in the North Heights area. Porchfest is the second weekend in October.

b. **Memorial Hall**

The initial board meeting has taken place, and they have initiated the 501(c)(3) filling. A consultant has been chosen to put together the qualifications for the design work and historic work on the building.

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

Urbana Preservation and Planning will be in town June 1 – 3 and will have a public meeting June 2nd 5:30pm – 6:30pm. The meeting will be held in the 5th floor study of city hall.

d. **May Preservation Symposium**

Dr. Fischer mentioned that many from the HPC attended. It was a successful and informative event. Mr. Walters mentioned that many of the out-of-town visitors were unaware of the historic homes in Murphysburg and were impressed.

e. **Parks Survey**

Mr. Walters indicated that there were no updates at this time. Dr. Fischer mentioned that Dr. Mountz will have more information in June.

f. **State Preservation Conference**

Dr. Fischer stated that the conference will take place September 14 – 16 in Lebanon, MO. Dr. Reid-Adams mentioned that conference organizers are still taking applications for speakers.

7. **Old Business**

None

8. **New Business**

None

9. **Announcements**

It was noted that the Historic Downtown District consultant is slightly behind so there was no public meeting last week. It will be rescheduled. There where three pieces of legislation pertinent to Memorial Hall that passed ; 1) The Hotel/Motel lodging tax increase from 4% to 6% will likely be on the April ballot, 2) Non-profits can now apply for Historic Tax Credits that are 35%; 3) Incentives for upper-floor housing can be stacked with the historic tax credits.

Adjournment

MS. HAUN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MAY 19, 2026, MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION. THIS MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. DETAR. MOTION CARRIED. (6 IN FAVOR, 0 IN OPPOSITION, 3 ABSENT)

Approved William Fraser
Chairperson

Approved Eric Kellstadt
Recording Secretary