

HISTORICAL COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

March 30, 2026

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm
2. Roll call: Laura Myers, Kevin Russom, Kevin Parkins and Jill Keller, Brandon Porterfield; Guest: Dave Murphy, Steve Schneeman, Maria Taylor, Kathy Bilger, Martha Armantrout-Taylor
3. Approval of agenda: Kevin Perkins approved, Jill Keller seconded; all ayes
4. Public Comment: none
5. New Business:
 - a. Warner Mansion rear addition: Steve Schneeman presented the draft of the new addition to the back of the original Warner mansion. City council wanted to put new life back into the mansion and create something that would make money for the city to help maintain the property. They decided to make it more useful for events. It would need some modern amenities and they decided to create an ad-hoc committee to discuss what this idea would entail. The addition will be 1200-1300 square feet and will replace the old addition in the back of the original mansion. The addition will be set inward so that you won't see it from the front and will be minimized from other angles. Steve shared some renderings of what it would look like. The material being used is designed to have the addition blend in vs stand out. The color and metal material was chosen specifically to meet this goal. We had lots of discussion on how it will look and Steve suggested going to Lawrence Tech and looking at their building that uses the same style of material to see it in person.
 - b. Jill Keller moved to approve the design, Kevin Russom seconded; 4 ayes, 1 nay. Motion passes with a majority vote.
6. Kevin Perkins approved the minutes from 2/25/2026: Kevin Russom seconded, all ayes
7. Financial report: none
8. Warner Mansion activities: nothing additional
9. Old Business:
 - a. Founders Festival Kickoff (July 15th)
 - i. June 20th farmers market booth - flyers, historic commission banner – Kevin R. will design and Melissa can get it made for us, info sheet on mansion updates
 - ii. July 11th farmers market booth
 - iii. Location Warner mansion with a backup at Shiawassee park – Dave will call to reserve the park
 - iv. If we use Warner mansion we will need to rent 1 or 2 porta potty's
 - v. Food

- Hot dogs, buns, chips, water, pop, beer, popsicles, ketchup & mustard, napkins, trash bags, tin foil squares
- Brandon – all the Costco stuff
- Kevin Perkins - beer
- Jill – call Busch's to see if they will donate popsicles (we will add them on the flyer that they donated them)
- Kevin Russom to create signage for the food & drinks. Put on political type sign "donated by Busch's"
- Bags of ice day of event
- Coolers from everyone

vi. Kevin Perkins – music

vii. Dunk tank (have the mayor be the dunkie) we will need to decide on this, it's about \$400 for the tank

viii. Fire truck & DPW trash cans - Kevin Russom

ix. Vintage items on display – Peggy (farmers mkt) we will need to see since we won't have the porch available with the construction going on

x. Put huge declaration of independence on display

- b. Historic District Survey – Kevin R. and Rudy are working on with the guy from Farmington Hills.

10. Correspondence and communications: none

11. Commission Comments: there are still some concerns with the look of the Warner mansion renovations

12. Adjournment at 8:38pm