



York Historical Architectural Review Board Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2026, | 101 S George St, York PA 17401

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF PRESENT
Dennis Kunkle, Chair Mark Shermeyer Craig Zumbrun, Vice Chair Blake Gifford	Sarah O'Brien Lauren McLane-Gross Carlos Santiago Mark Skehan	Nancy Griffin

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/RESULT
Welcome and call to order.		Mr. Kunkle called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
Changes to the agenda		No Changes.
Minutes of previous meeting		Mr. Zumbrun made a motion to accept Mr. Shermeyer 2nd. Unanimous.
Cases	The following case was considered as described below.	

Case #1 – 50 W. KING ST - Tabled

REPLACE THE EXISTING DOUBLE DOORS, LOCATED ON THE BEAVER STREET SIDE OF THE YORK CITY POLICE STATION. THE DOORS WILL BE REPLACED IN-KIND, WITH THE SAME EXTERIOR FINISHES AND APPEARANCE. THE EXISTING DOORS ARE FAILING AND IN POOR CONDITION.

Discussion:

City staff presented a proposal from the Police Department to replace the double doors on the Beaver Street side of the building at the handicapped ramp entrance. The proposal included automated doors.

Board members noted that the submitted drawings did not appear to replicate the existing historic door and transom configuration. The drawings showed flat metal doors and a framed transom, while the existing condition includes a more elaborate historic transom pattern with mutton

Members emphasized that for such an important historic building, the replacement should replicate the existing doors and transom in kind, including panel configuration, profiles, and mutton patterns.

Action:

Mr. Shermeyer moved to table the application pending submission of additional information demonstrating that the doors and transom will be replicated in kind, including similar panel configuration, profiles, and muntin pattern consistent with the existing historic features, Mr. Zumbrun 2nd. Unanimous. Staff clarified that revised information may be submitted to staff and distributed to the board for review.

Case #2 – 159 S. PENN ST.

PLEASE SEE ENGINEER'S REPORT ATTACHED

Discussion:

The applicant reported that the building was struck by a vehicle on November 25, causing structural damage to the corner of the building and cracked up the wall.

An engineer's report and interior photos were provided. The proposed work includes:

- Rebuilding the damaged masonry corner
- Salvaging existing brick where possible
- Matching replacement brick in color and mortar
- Removing masonry to salvage existing windows where feasible

If windows cannot be salvaged, replacements will replicate the existing window configuration and materials. Vinyl replacements will not be permitted.

Action:

Mr. Zumbrun made a motion to accept the application as submitted with the stipulation that masonry be salvaged or matched in color and mortar, and that windows be repaired or replaced in kind with appropriate historic-compatible materials, Mr. Gifford 2nd. Unanimous.

Case #3 – 18 S. GEORGE ST.

SPOT REPOINTING AND REPAIR OF FAILING MASONRY, INCLUDING MASONRY SKILLS AND HEADS AT WINDOWS. REMOVAL OF EXISTING EFFLORESCENCE. REMOVAL OF EXISTING PEELING PAINT, DECALS, ETC. CAULKING AS NECESSARY.

Discussion:

The applicant presented a project to restore the façade of the Colonial Hotel building using funding from a RACP grant and federal historic tax credits.

Proposed work includes:

- Selective repointing of masonry
- Replacement of deteriorated brownstone sills
- Masonry repairs consistent with historic preservation standards
- Elevator replacements within the building (not a HARB issue)

The work will follow National Park Service standards due to the federal historic tax credit requirements.

Repairs will be limited to the portion of the building owned by the applicant, ending at the chimney above the building sign. Condominium portions of the building are not included.

Action:

Mr. Gifford made a motion to approve as submitted noting that the project will comply with federal historic preservation tax credit requirements and associated guidelines., Mr. Zumbun 2nd. Unanimous.

Case #4 – 245 E. POPLAR ST.

REHABILITATE EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING TO REMAIN A SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING. EXTERIOR FRONT: NEW COMPOSITE WINDOWS, REPLACE FRONT SIDING WITH HARDIE PLANK, ADD METAL RAILING TO FRONT STEPS, REPLACE BAKERS WALK DOOR, REPAIR FACIA AND GUTTERS. REAR EXTERIOR NEW VINYL SIDING AND WINDOWS WITH WRAPPED SILLS, NEW WOOD RAILING AND SUPPORTS FOR SECOND FLOOR OPEN PORCH, NEW STEEL REAR DOOR. FIRST FLOOR INTERIOR REPLACE STAIR BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND FLOOR, ADD NEW HALF BATH, NEW KICHEN

APPLIANCES AND LAUNDRY ROOM. SECOND FLOOR NEW FULL BATH, DRYWALL BEDROOMS. THIRD FLOOR DRYWALL EXISTING FRAME WALLS.

Discussion:

The applicant previously received approval for roof work and is now proposing additional renovations.

Proposed work includes:

- Maintaining the existing aluminum siding on the front façade (rather than replacing with Hardie plank as initially proposed)
- Installation of composite windows
- Aluminum wrapping of window trim
- Installation of a new storm door
- Repairs to fascia and installation of new gutters
- Vinyl siding and vinyl replacement windows on the rear façade
- Replacement of rear steel door

Because the front façade already contains aluminum siding and wrapped windows consistent with neighboring properties, the board determined the proposal largely maintains the existing appearance.

Rear alterations were determined to have limited visibility from the public right-of-way.

Action:

*Mr. Gifford made a motion to accept the application as amended, allowing the existing front siding to remain and permitting aluminum-wrapped window trim due to the existing conditions., Mr. Shermeyer 2nd.
Unanimous.*

Case #5 – 325 E. MARKET ST. – TABLE PROJECT INDEFINITELY

REVIEW ONLY

Adjournment

Mr. Kunkle adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:26 PM.

The next meeting 3-26-26

Minutes recorded by Nancy Griffin.