
**Joint Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
July 8, 2025, at 4:00 PM
Cooperative Extension Conference Room, Regular Meeting
106 E. Morgan Street, Brevard, NC 28712**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

I. WELCOME: Ms. Katherine Buzby called the meeting to order at 4:05PM. Mr. John Koury joined the meeting a few minutes later and took over as Chair. Ms. Chelsea Preciado, Mr. Billy Parrish, Ms. Nikki Ransdell, Mr. William Hunter, Ms. Nicole Bentley, and Ms. Geri Connell were present. Mr. Sam Hayes was absent (excused). A quorum was present. Ms. Ashley Minery from the Planning Department was also present.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: (15-minute time limit. Speakers are limited to three minutes) There were no public comments.

III. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS: Ms. Minery informed the commission they were due to hold officer elections at this meeting. Ms. Connell moved to add Officer Elections to the agenda under New Business as item C. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor and the motion carried.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Minutes (May 13, 2025)

Ms. Connell moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor and the motion carried.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. The Zachary House Application: Ms. Minery provided an update on the Zachary House report. Mr. Hayes is assisting the owner with editing the report but has not yet received an updated copy to consider sending to the State Historic Preservation Office for review. Sam hopes to have a draft for JHPC's review at the next meeting.

- B. The Inn at Brevard: Ms. Minery informed the commission the Inn at Brevard was set to be purchased by new owners. The new owners have owned historic properties before and are aware some exterior repairs need to be made to the property to remain in compliance with HPC standards. Staff will try to arrange a meeting when the new owners take possession of the property.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. America 250th Flower Trail Planning Session: Ms. Pinkie Byrd, from Friends of Silvermont, explained the project concept for the Flower Trail and plans to seek TDA funding for the sign purchase. An electronic map of the sites will also be made available. JHPC members suggested various sites in the county to represent different periods of American history. Ms. Byrd thanked the JHPC for their expertise.
- B. Staff Report: The next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 4:00PM in the Cooperative Extension Conference Room.
- C. Officer Elections: Mr. Koury nominated Ms. Buzby to serve another term as JHPC Secretary. Ms. Ransdell seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor, and the motion carried. Mr. Koury moved to nominate Mr. Hayes for Vice Chair if he accepts the position. Ms. Buzby seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor and the motion carried. Ms. Ransdell moved to nominate Mr. Koury to serve another term as Chair. Ms. Buzby seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor and the motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments.

VIII. COMMISSION MEMBERS' COMMENTS: Ms. Ransdell moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Bentley seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 4:39PM.

ADJOURNMENT



Jeff Adams, Planner



Katherine Poe, Secretary