CITY OF DOVER

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
AUGUST 20, 2026

The Meeting of the City of Dover Historic District Commission was held on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 3:30 PM as an In-Person Meeting in the City Hall Council Chambers (anchor location) and virtually using the audio/videoconferencing system Webex. With Chairman Czerwinski presiding, the other members present were Mrs. Richardson, Ms. Baker and Ms. Horsey.

The Planning Office Staff members present were Mrs. Dawn Melson-Williams, Mrs. Maretta Savage-Purnell, Mr. Christopher Salzano, and Mr. Alex Dewey.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Horsey moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mrs. Richardson and the motion was carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2026

Mrs. Richardson moved to approve the Historic District Meeting Minutes from July 16, 2026, with the necessary corrections, seconded by Ms. Horsey, and the motion was carried 4-0 by voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS

Summary of Applications 2025 and 2026

Mrs. Melson-Williams stated that today you will be considering Items that have been assigned numbers three and four for the calendar year. You will have seen a total of five (5) applications. One was a Revision that revisited you in June and July. Those items are specifically listed here for 2026. This seems to be the year of Referral of Permits before you at this point in time. I will be happy to answer any questions on those Permits at this point.

Mrs. Melson-Williams asked if there were any questions on the Applications? There was none.

Summary of Architectural Review Certifications for 2026

Mrs. Melson-Williams stated that this is where we track the Permit activities within the Historic District Zone. This listing table gives us those Permits within the Historic District area through the end of July. There has been a total of 29 permits that we have reviewed.

For activities, the highest ones include some Building Exterior ones and Fences followed by some Roof Permits. Twenty-three (23) of those Permits were able to be reviewed by Staff under the authority given to us in the *Zoning Ordinance*. There were six (6) that had some involvement with the Historic District Commission. The July activities that were added to this probably most notably was the Siding Permit related to 108 South Governors Avenue and also some pending porch work at that same location.

Mrs. Melson-Williams asked if there were any questions on the Permits that have been issued here in the Historic District? There was none.

Department of Planning & Inspections Updates
Mrs. Melson-Williams mentioned that one of the key updates for you is that we now also have a Planner II on Staff, and that is Chris Salzano. Chris was with the City about a year ago and has rejoined our Staff in recent weeks since your last meeting. And in case you didn't meet him the last time, we had Alex Dewey who is a Planner I with the City; he's still with us. So, we have a little bit more Staff currently in the Planning Office.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Permits Referred to Commission

HI-26-03 Referral of Fence Permit #26-1225 at 103 S. Governors Avenue - Review of Architectural Review Certification as Referred by the City Planner to the Historic District Commission for a Fence Permit #26-1225. The project proposes a 6-foot black ornamental metal fence for the Parking Lots on a series of properties fronting on South Governors Avenue, W. Reed Street, and South Bradford Street associated with the Dover Fire Department Station #1. The properties are zoned C-2 (Central Commercial Zone) and subject to the H (Historic District Zone). The owner of record is Robbins Hose Co. Property Addresses: 103 S. Governors Avenue, 116 S. Bradford Street and other unaddressed parcels. Tax Parcels: ED05-077.09-02-15.00-000, ED05-077.09-02-14.00-000, ED05-077.09-02-13.00-000, ED-05-077.09-02-16.00-000, and ED05-077.09-02-17.00-000. Council District 4.

Mrs. Melson-Williams mentioned that this is actually a series of parcels there on the corner of South Governors Avenue, Reed Street, and South Bradford Street where we find the Dover Fire Department as their Building Station #1 and the associated parking lot areas. The Fence Permit that has been submitted by the Fire Department is to place a fence to enclose their parking lots. There are two parking lot areas: one to the east of the building as you move along Reed Street towards South Bradford Street and then a second parking lot area that has frontage on South Governors Avenue to the south of the building. In their Permit submission, they are proposing a 6-foot-tall black ornamental fence to surround these parking lot areas intending to be installed and what is a kind of a curb line that we find in those parking lots. They are also proposing vehicle gates at the entrance points. These parking lots have several accesses for vehicles. The reason it is here before the Historic District Commission as part of the Architectural Review Certification is that we are looking at activities that are visible from the public view, and that is visible from the public street. We've got three public streets surrounding this property.
That causes us to go to the *Design Standards and Guidelines for the City of Dover of Historic District Zone*. That specific document guides Staff and the Historic District Commission and Planning Commission in reviewing activity in the Historic District. Specifically related to fences, there is a discussion in Chapter 3 that very specifically says that fences should not exceed 4 feet in the Historic District Zone. That Chapter also focuses on the more appropriate materials for fences and so those two things are part of our discussions today. With fences, our *Zoning Ordinance* also includes provisions that give us guidance on the height of fences. In the front yard area fences would be limited to 4 feet. Technically in how this property is zoned, there is no front yard setback minimum, but for the balance of the property, fences are allowed under the zoning provisions for a non-residential property be as tall as 8 feet in height. The other thing our *Zoning Ordinance* talks about is when you have two street intersections come together. A corner visibility area is where the height is limited to ensure that when you approach that intersection

you can see that secondary street. So, today the Historic District Commission is considering the fence project. In our Report, we gave in our key findings in reviewing the Permit. The fence obviously is to surround parking lot areas. It is visible from the adjacent public streets. For the height and this is part of the deliberation today, it is proposed at 6 feet where the standards for the Historic District Commission would suggest that fences should be no taller than 4 feet in height. But because it's coming before this body, you have the ability to consider alternatives to the 4 feet that's in your *Guidelines*. The fence material as depicted by the Applicant is a black ornamental steel. Staff did have some additional questions about the formal style of that fence: if it's picket and how that is being proposed. I believe we will hear from the Applicant on that. In our Report, we also gave some Recommendations related to this fence enclosure, noting that it is visible from the various streets. There are gate opportunities and those are set back from the intersection with the street so there's a little bit of an entrance space before the vehicle reaches the gate system. We are seeking some clarification on the format of that gate as gates can be a sliding function or something that swings.

For the fence at the intersection of South Bradford Street and Reed Street; we are looking for a little bit of clarification about where exactly that fence is to be placed. The property line is right along the sidewalk; however, the curb line of the parking lot is on the west side of several trees in that area. So its just to clarify where the fence would be located for that second side specifically. Planning Staff are recommending approval of the fence, noting the materials are something that could be considered here in the Historic District. We are looking at the 6 feet height as a byproduct of the intention for this to provide some additional security at the location there. We did have one additional question about the existing fence line that is the south edge of what we'll call the Governors Avenue parking lot piece. Currently, there is a chain link fence there of somewhat questionable condition. I believe it is a regular steel colored fencing. We're looking for clarification about whether that fence would be removed and what that entails with this project. We're certainly recommending that if you are improving fencing that area should also be included in the Permit submission itself. The Historic District Commission was provided the Staff Review Report along with a series of Exhibit items, including the Permit submission, the fence guidelines, and a number of street view shots that we pulled from online to give you a sense of the various views of these fence areas.

So, Mr. Chair at this point I think it would be appropriate to hear from the Applicant and the Representative here today, and then we can move into questions before the Commission takes action.

Representative: Mr. Brian Bashista, Dover Fire Department

Mr. Brian Bashista distributed handouts to the members.

Mr. Bashista said I want to thank you for the opportunity to come and speak to you today. I've struggled with this for quite some time. I have been the Chief a long time and the President for a long time. So, I've been around and last thing I wanted to see was a fence around the parking lot. I have got a lot invested in it as a member. However, we find ourselves today as things have changed Downtown and we have issues in the parking lots related to drug activities. We have had numerous cars that have been broken into. We also have problems with people wandering around the building. We are trying to be proactive. We think everyone read it in the paper when this

came up. The fence itself is what we talked about. This is the style of fence we are looking at (showing an image of a picket fence). This would go down the Reed Street side of the building and as we go through this, I can show you the pictures on the screen exactly what we are talking about. One thing that was mentioned is that on Governors Avenue on the south side of the building there is currently a fence there along the City lot and a laundromat, and that is a traditional fence. We want to replace that fence with a like fence on that side of the building. It will be black in color, so it matches everything else. If you look at the right side of that picture, you can barely see the picture of where that chain-link fence goes down the south side of the parking lots. You can see that it is old. We were going to replace that as part of the project. I believe the City put that in that lot and we are just going to replace it now ourselves. That would be a black chain link with another single fence that's there today. Now, for the rest of the fence around the property. If you can bring up the Reed Street side on the screen it's a great picture. If you look at those pictures and the houses, that curb is on there and it is what we are looking at. It is a mounted fence actually on the top of that curb. It wouldn't be near the street line; it would actually be on the curb itself, and it would go following the curb right past the van (in the picture) right to the corner and following the curb all the way around the parking lot. On the backside you start to see there's actually a 6-foot fence very similar to what we are proposing. We met with the neighbors and discussed it. Again, this really has to do with safety, our team members, and firefighters because as you know, we come and go all throughout the day and night. There are a lot of things going on at that building. We have had people living around the trash can storage and we have had people living around the air conditioning. There has been stuff (related to drugs) on the ground, and we are just trying to protect our stuff.

He asked if anyone had any questions?

Ms. Horsey asked about the fence sitting on the curb. Mr. Bashista replied yes. It is a steel fence that does not bend and it will be mounted onto the curb.

Ms. Horsey asked about the gate. Will someone be standing there to let responders in and out?

Mr. Bashista replied when the fire siren blows, that gate is going to open for 10 minutes and our doors are currently unlocked. Today things are a little slightly different than what once were. We have volunteer firefighters at the firehouse all the time during different shifts.

If there is a significant fire, and that's about actually 15 times a month, so when that happens first responders come in and the gates will open for 10 minutes. Now, if, let's just say I'm known at the firehouse and I have this meeting, there's going to be a way to get in but limited.

Plus, as part of this project is where you're going to have an opener and have all the members have a key card/fob (showed an example key fob) to get inside the parking lot.

And then actually on the Governor's Avenue side we also have a gate for people like the mailman.

Mrs. Richardson asked where the gates were going to be? Mr. Bashista replied if you're on Governors Avenue, there is the City parking lot. There is going to be a gate here (as he referred

to the screen showing gate location off South Governors Avenue) and it is going to open up like this (showing a sliding motion). There will be a gate on Bradford Street.

Ms. Baker asked in regard to the Reed Street gate, is that a gate that opens onto what looks like a little alleyway egress next to the building? Mr. Bashista replied yes, that is the Reed Street.

Ms. Baker asked if there were three (3) gates. Mr. Bashista replied yes.

Ms. Baker said it will be a lot of fencing. I would imagine you all have considered something other than the fence conclusion. Mr. Bashista replied if you drive by there and you know it's lit like a football field. We've got cameras all around the building. He mentioned the breaking in of vehicles in the parking lot.

Ms. Baker mentioned she understood what Mr. Bashista was talking about because she had had her vehicle broken into also on more than one occasion. She asked besides that are there any other concerns.

Mr. Bashista mentioned besides property theft, a young man was murdered 30 feet in front of Governors Avenue side. One thing that he is very afraid of is that there are a lot of young firefighters. They go out there in the middle of the night or they go outside just going out to their car and somebody breaks into their car, and something bad happens. That is a concern.

Ms. Baker asked has the transgressions continued to pace or have you noticed that they have waned from time? Mr. Bashista said I mean it's gotten worse. You know it's interesting. I think sometimes (as he referred to the screen) and you live

Downtown so you can see how it moved from Kirkwood Street to New Street to Governors Avenue, right? And however, I tell you that and sometimes I think that it's worse because of social media. We know everything that goes on now that we didn't know before social media.

But 30 years ago, I was going to the firehouse and bringing the fire truck, and they were still shooting on Kirkwood Street. You didn't hear about it then, right? Today everybody hears about it.

But the problems in that firehouse have gotten worse. During the summertime it is worse, right? It has not gotten better.

Ms. Baker said thank you for sharing that.

Mrs. Richardson asked, just out of curiosity, how long this project will take? Mr. Bashista replied about a month.

Mrs. Richardson said that is good news.

Chairman Czerwinski asked how many spots are in the south parking lot?

Mr. Bashista said that is a great question. I don't know off hand.

Chairman Czerwinski asked if you go to the alarm, how many firefighters respond at the station? What's your average? Mr. Bashista replied 20.

Chairman Czerwinski mentioned the reason I asked is this a tragedy that we have to build the fence that looks more like probation and parole than the fire station.

I understand the south parking lot for the security of fulltime Staff and have them park there. So, I'm hesitant to say that we told you to go ahead and put a fence around a large parking lot where 99 % of the time it is not filled and if it's filled it's for somebody that's going to be there for a couple of hours. You know what I mean? Mr. Bashista said no, I don't know. So, there is no staffing there all the time.

Chairman Czerwinski said well, you have your south parking lot. So, do your firefighters not use that lot? Are you saying there are not enough parking spaces in the south parking lot.

Mr. Bashista said we use both lots and, for instance, if you drive by there this evening around 6-7pm the lots will be filled.

Chairman Czerwinski asked if there were any more questions.

Ms. Horsey noted that it appears that there were 27 parking spaces.

Chairman Czerwinski said he was just asking about the south parking lot (Governors Avenue lot) if only that had a fence around it and use it for the overnight parking.

Mr. Bashista said they park there overnight because the other parking lot is right. At the corner Chairman Czerwinski noted that I'm just saying that they can use the south parking lot for the members parking.

Chairman Czerwinski said with the south parking lot for the member parking you could just secure that with a fence. This would alleviate a fence at a huge parking lot that you don't fill.

Mr. Bashista said we do fill it so I have to disagree.

Chairman Czerwinski asked when do you fill it? It is when do you call everybody?

Mr. Bashista said I would tell you that Bradford Street is used. I can certainly do the survey of it. I do videos all the time of this building. I can also go by there this evening.

Mrs. Richardson said it seems to me that we don't want to force the volunteer Fire Department and personnel to have to make a choice whether their vehicle is going to be secure and whether they will be secure or not.

Chairman Czerwinski said he understood that on the other side where people live on the street. There are other people who park their vehicle on the street. I park my car on the street. I live Downtown as well. I'm trying to balance the fact that the lay of the land is going to be forever changed when the security fence is installed. That is what I am worried about.

And you're doing that in the neighborhood. And once you do that, it should change the landscape of that. And at that point I'm concerned because that's a security fence. Again, that is my concern. I am trying to look at a workaround here.

But you know, like I said, but for security you know using the fence line on that parking lot alone, that might suffice; that's all I'm asking.

Ms. Horsey commented that historically black metal fences were used a lot and a lot of them were taken down during the 20th century because people did not like them. So, 1960's need for today's environment is the only way to go. But I can also say historically there might have been a fence around that lot. Historically, you don't know about it. So, I am not against it.

Chairman Czerwinski mentioned that historically he did not think that black metal fences goes back before the 1960s.

Ms. Horsey said there were a lot of fences in Dover.

Ms. Baker mentioned that she did a walk on Monday and took photographs. I was extremely impressed with the look of Bradford Street and the 4-foot fences. It also came to my mind that 6-foot fence is going to be one of these guys. And so, I think a lot of attention needs to be paid to what that additional level it connects to and what it says about the City. If it is painful either way, it is just painful either way. And I find noticing that the largest amount of fencing that's in that area is at People's Church and the curves are magnificent. The curves I think is what softens them. And so, the jaggedness might be something just to give another look. These look very sturdy.

Ms. Baker asked how far apart are the pickets? Mr. Bashista noted he was not certain.

Ms. Baker continued to say that nobody's going anywhere with this right. But at the same time, you know, we're still living in a dynamic community and we're going have a big Mobility Center. So, I appreciate Staff comments and all of us are thinking about how things will look, how it will feel to be here, how we can encourage people in goodwill to come and be part of our community and help those who do not. Or that are seeking the alternative lifestyle to be able to do what they need to do and survive and thrive when they reject. This is a challenge.

Mr. Bashista said thank you very much. Thank you.

Chairman Czerwinski asked if anyone had anything they wanted to talk about before the motion.

Chairman Czerwinski I mean, it's my personal opinion. It's sad that we have to do it why I asked the hard questions. I'm trying to say that with the Governors Street parking lot it would not suffice.

Mrs. Melson-Williams mentioned that she wanted to acknowledge that the Fire Chief David Carey has joined us virtually. I'm going to see if he needs to make any statement or if Brian speaking has done the trick here. Mr. Carey stated that Brian is speaking on his behalf of the Department.

Ms. Horsey moved to approve Application HI-26-03 Referral of Fence Permit #26-1225 at 103 S Governors Avenue for a 6-foot black ornamental metal fence for the Parking Lots on a series of properties fronting on South Governors Avenue, W. Reed Street, and South Bradford Street associated with the Dover Fire Department Station #1. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Richardson. All in favor of the motion, a vote of 4-0.

Mrs. Melson-Williams stated that in the next week Planning Staff will work through processing of the Permit for their review and move that along in the Permit Review process.

HI-26-04 Referral of Fence Permit #26-1250 at 46 S Bradford Street - Review of Architectural Review Certification as Referred by the City Planner to the Historic District Commission for a Fence Permit #26-1250. The project proposes a 6-foot black-coated chain link fence for the mechanical equipment being placed on the property on the northern side yard of a property associated with the People's Church at 46 S Bradford Street. Property is zoned RG-1 (General Residence Zone) and subject to the H (Historic District Zone). The owner of record is Peoples Congregation Church. Property Address: 46 S Bradford Street. Tax Parcel: ED05-077.05-03-71.00-000. Council District 4.

Mr. Chris Salzano gave a brief summary of the Application.

Mr. Salzano stated that the applicant was originally seeking an 8-foot fence. However, after discussion with Staff, he is now proposing a 6-foot fence. The location as mentioned is the north side of the church in the rear yard to the alley. It is partially visible from South Bradford Street and partially visible from adjourning properties. Staff Recommendations can be found on page 40 of your packet. The Applicant has also provided a Site Plan on Exhibit #4. Staff is Recommending Approval because of the need for security of the mechanical equipment that's being placed in this location.

Representative: Mr. Greg Robinson and Mr. David Hood of Diamond Mechanical

Mr. Greg Robinson said thank you guys for having us today, we appreciate your time. The main purpose of this fence is to support the mechanical equipment (he referred to the plan diagram on the screen). From a safety and protection standpoint of that equipment. I guess it is security similar to kind of previous application but the HVAC to support the product is essentially expensive. He handed out additional information to the members which mentioned the background of the project. It's basically equipment protection and security because of the new HVAC system and it's a significant investment; we want to make sure it's secure. So, this fence is basically going to prevent damage and unauthorized access vandalism. I won't go into the Fire Department earlier comments about the area as they are across the street. These units that sit outside have a lot of valuable copper and a lot of electrical lines and stuff like that. We just want to make sure it stays safe and secure.

Chairman Czerwinski asked are you guys moving trees for this? Mr. Robinson said no.

Chairman Czerwinski mentioned previously we had approved chain-link fences for the stairways. Mr. Robinson said yes, about five years ago or more.

Chairman Czerwinski mentioned this is sticking out quite a bit further from the building, so this is going be very visible at different angles within the yard. Was there any consideration to using ornamental instead of chain-link.

Mr. Robinson said it's so funny that you say that now. I wasn't looking at Fire Department pages but basically what we did was we took a random picture of what's there now and did a concept of what it could look like with the fencing and greenery. (Discussion continued but is inaudible)

Ms. Baker asked what is the dimension of the pad and what is the dimension of the additional structure? What is the exterior of the additional structure? Mr. Robinson replied that the concrete itself, the pad itself, is going to be from the building out including the existing concrete. It's going to be 22 feet from the building, from where it says number three back to 55 feet from their back parking lot.

Ms. Baker asked how many feet did you say? I'm sorry. Mr. Robinson replied. We are 55 feet from the front of this to the top of the screen and then we are 22 feet from the building to the new sidewalk.

Ms. Baker asked what is going to be the sheathing of this structure here. Will the interior of what you are building on that is sitting outside the church itself, will it be opaque or will people seek copper wiring and all sorts of interesting things? Mr. Robinson said no. That is where we are proposing to do the greenery around the exterior of the fencing areas, so you will not see any of the copper piping. You might see a little bit until the rush starts to grow up the vines and stuff like that, whichever type of greenery you choose. Until that starts to grow people might see the equipment through the fence, but once it starts to grow you won't see it.

Ms. Baker asked if he had a photo or something to show what the thing looks like that you are building at 22 by 55 feet without the fence. Mr. Robinson replied from his understanding it is going to be a standard black coated chain link fence.

Ms. Baker mentioned she was referring to the mechanical equipment.

Mrs. Melson-Williams said that this is just a concrete pad and the equipment unit sits on that pad. Is that correct? Mr. Robinson said yes.

Ms. Baker asked what that looks like and what the exterior is and the access by people.

Chairman Czerwinski mentioned it can just be five units, right? And the five units are going to stand by 3 ½ to 4 feet up. Mr. Robinson said the five units stand about 6 ½ feet tall.

Chairman Czerwinski said oh, that tall. Mr. Robinson said yes.

Mr. Robinson said they are pretty tall units, which is why I wanted to go with 8-foot-tall fence. However, focusing on paperwork that I've looked through, 6 feet is the maximum. So, we were trying to go as high as we could to cover that up as much as possible to allow historically everything to stay nice and pretty and all that good stuff. So, they are about 6 ½ to 7 feet tall.

They are a decent looking unit. We have a few other ones actually in the City already. We have one or two sitting at Schmittinger & Rodriguez. They are fenced in. They are a little bit out of this area. They are in a nicer area than what this is. The biggest thing is that once we put these in, we just want to keep everything safe. The fence will not cover everything up, but if we do the greenery, it's going to give a nice visual here.

Chairman Czerwinski said yeah. I just think that the ornamental fence is a lot more security than the chain because people can climb up on a chain-link fence.

Mr. Robinson said we are here to work with you folks. So, if that's something that we need to look into, I don't mind looking.

Mr. Robinson added that right here (as he referred to the screen) is the street where this will be visible. This is Bradford Street here and from this side; we would like to fence here so that we can protect the equipment. However, another option would be to cover the fences also to plant trees. We had questions like confirming the landscape that along this road from the building out which would complete the fence.

Ms. Horsey asked if you would be willing to put in a fence similar to that as the Fire Department.

Mr. Robinson said I do believe that's kind of what the guy depicted in the pictures that we had; and I don't think so.

Mrs. Richardson said I think that would help with the historical chain-link fences, even though they're black.

Ms. Baker noted the excellence of the curb line fence at 46 South Bradford Street that I mentioned is sincerely pondered and that level may not be necessarily common nowadays but it's worth looking into.

Chairman Czerwinski asked if there were any additional questions. There were none.

Mr. Richardson and Mr. Hood said thank you very much.

Chairman Czerwinski asked if there were any comments.

Mrs. Richardson mentioned that the Commission approved a fence for the new Legislative Hall Parking Lot to go around their HVAC, was that similar to what the Fire Department is putting in, so that would be my recommendation.

Chairman Czerwinski said yeah,I agree because originally, they were going do a chain-link fence on the backside of the Parking Garage that was visible from Court Street (at the Kent County Family Courthouse). Then we asked them to do ornamental, and they switched over and he noted that's exactly what happened there.

Mrs. Richardson mentioned that would be her preference.

Chairman Czerwinski said that's a good example of where we've had a similar situation in switching over. This is pretty big, I mean it's 55 feet and each of the units are actually 6 feet tall. If we approve the 6-foot tall then they're going to be installed inside. However, if we ask that there be greenery installed or trees or shrubbery in front of it, we can ask for both. And have that and plus shrubbery to cover for it instead of having it installed in front of it.

Chairman Czerwinski moved to approve Application HI-26-04 with conditions of the Referral of Fence Permit #26-1250 at 46 S. Bradford Street to modify/change the 6-foot black-coated chain-link fence for the mechanical equipment being placed on the property in the northern side yard of a property associated with the People's Church to a 6-foot black ornamental fence. And to add trees and shrubs to cover the fence from the view of Bradford Street. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Richardson. All in favor of the motion. Vote 4-0.

Mrs. Melson-Williams mentioned for the applicant, the Permit will need some additional information about your selection of the ornamental style fence and proposal for the vegetation location. If you submit that to the Planning Office, we can move forward with the processing Permit. With the Fire Department, there's not a specific spec for their fence. I will note that their ornamental fence, as Mr. Bashista noted, is a steel fence. This is probably a little different than aluminum fence when it comes to probably pricing for ornamental fencing, but those products are probably fairly standard in appearance. So, if you are looking to make your plan, I think you certainly have some options there.

OLD BUSINESS

Certified Local Government (CLG) Program

Mrs. Melson-Williams stated that there was no additional information regarding the Certified Local Government program. We are a participating member, but there is no forward movement on any kind of details on grant opportunities at this point. I don't have anything for you on that.

Implementation of 2019 Comprehensive Plan

Mrs. Melson-Williams stated that she previously mentioned before that the City is a participating entity with the State Housing Authority related to land use and housing resources. Stay tuned in September; the consultant team that's been working with the City will be reporting out some information about what they are seeing with regulatory barriers in our current Code. We are working towards planning a public outreach and workshop type opportunity; so, we will certainly make you aware of that when it happens. Ultimately, this may lead to provision changes in our *Zoning Ordinance*. You do have some housing in the Historic District of a variety of types. It may be of interest to you to kind of participate as those things move forward.

(Note: In the tornado warning, it was actually to the south of here; base housing that's why everybody's phone was going off.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS OPPORTUNITY

Mrs. Melson-Williams stated it is an opportunity that's given for members of the public to provide any comments to the Historic District Commission, specifically not related to any particular applications or public hearings that you may have during the meeting. Staff would

note that there we just have one observer here in the room, and the only other participant that's joined us online is the Fire Chief David Carey. I don't know if either one of those individuals has any comments during that public comments opportunity. There was none.

Chairman Czerwinski asked if there were any other questions before the meeting adjourns?

Mrs. Richardson asked about next month's meeting time. The ribbon cutting of the new Family Courthouse is on the same day as the meeting. She plans to attend the ribbon cutting that is scheduled for 2:30pm. Mrs. Melson-Williams mentioned that Staff is aware of that ribbon cutting that day. We've also received the invite. We will have Applications for review at your September meeting. So, we are proposing to move the meeting time back to 4pm.

Mrs. Richardson said thank you.

Chairman Czerwinski said that's a very good question, thank you.

Chairman Czerwinski asked if there were any other questions before the meeting adjourns? There were none.

Meeting adjourned at 4:36 PM

Sincerely,

Maretta Savage-Purnell
Secretary