



Graham Historic Resources Commission Meeting Agenda

May 5th, 2026

6:00pm Graham
City Hall

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation
4. Approval of minutes from the March 24th, 2026 meeting
5. **Items of Discussion**

Downtown Plaques:

5a. Discussion.

6. City Council Updates
7. Staff Updates
8. Adjournment

Minutes of the April 7, 2026 Historic Resource Commission

The meeting was called to order by Chair Zipporah Clark Baldwin at 6:00 p.m.

The following Commissioners were present: Chair Zipporah Clark Baldwin, Ben Beushausen, Richard Shevlin and Sandy Hall. Absent was Casey Bosley.

Staff: Jonathan Buckley - Planner
Jenni Bost - Zoning Enforcement Officer

Council: none present

Chair Zipporah Clark Baldwin led the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence.

Chair Zipporah Clark Baldwin asked for a motion to approve the March 24th, 2026 meeting minutes. Ben Beushausen made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Sandy Hall gave the second. All voted aye.

Chair Zipporah Clark-Baldwin gave a statement that this meeting is a quasi-judicial meeting and we would be following those guidelines.

5. Items of Discussion

Certificate of Appropriateness:

5a. 141 S Main Street – ATM Renovations

- i. COA 2604-141 S Main St. Ben Beushausen made the first motion to open the public hearing, Sandy Hall made the second. All voted aye. Jenni Bost sworn in – Jonathan Buckley and Kristen Gandy, 21411 Hickory St #103, Cornelius NC 28031. Jonathan Buckley gave the staff report for COA2604. Kristen Gandy gave the presentation to make modifications to an existing bank drive-through ATM lane. Ben Beushausen made a motion to close the public hearing, Robert Shelvin made the second. All voted aye. The Commission discussed among themselves the details presented. Ben Beushausen made the first motion- I have thoroughly researched the application and all other documents related to COA 2604 and I am familiar with the property in question. And I find that if produced in accordance with the plans submitted, the proposed changes will be compatible with the character of the mid-nineteenth century Courthouse Square Historic District. I move to approve the application for COA 2604 with no fence for the property located at 141 S Main St as submitted. The project does meet the A. Landscape Features, A.3, A.3.3, A.3.4, B. Building Exteriors, 12. , B.12.1, B.12.2, 14., B.14.1, B.14.2, D. New Construction, 11., D.11.1, D.11.3 then the project will meet the standards set out in the Design Guidelines and shall be permitted. Paint color “white” will be one of the approved colors from the handbook. Sandy Hall made the second. All voted aye.

Staff updates:

- a. **City Council-** None
- b. **Staff-** Jonathan reminded the commission that the city had received a public records request

from the Alamance News, for any communication pertaining to the HRC started February 21, 2026 with city staff or each other. Jonathan said to have all information to him by Friday, April 10, 2026. Ben Beushausen had everyone a copy of development ordinance starting on page 83, section 10.201 and down. He suggested that everyone look over these rules. He said some of these rules they are doing and some they are not. The commission said they would review and they could discuss at a later meeting.

Adjournment- Chair Zipporah Clark-Baldwin made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Ben Beushausen made the second. All voted Aye.

Meeting adjourned – 6:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jenni Bost

April 9, 2026

DOWNTOWN HISTORIC BUILDINGS PLAQUES:

On foot inventory done by Zipporah Clark-Baldwin and Karen Chin, HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION done on 31 October, 2022. New installs in May of 2024 included.

Visual inventory done via APPENDIX B: Courthouse Square Historic District-Detailed Description and Inventory. Appendix B is part of the City of Graham's Historic Resources Handbook." (Handbook was adopted January 14, 2015.)

Notations on the listing below are based on the photos in Appendix B-1.

Visual identification of building with and without plaques were done using the photos in this Appendix.

(C) is "Contributory"

(P) is "Pivotal"

Installed

1. Courthouse
2. Vestal Hotel (#17 on Inventory (also Burney's) (4, 10, 12, 14 20, 22. Court Square) as #8 address at time of inventory (P)
3. Mont-White Building (#60 on inventory notes/200 N. Main Street (P).
4. Wrike Drug (Suttons) N. Main St.
5. Williamson House (Bank of America) (S. Main St)
6. Former "Gleaner" Newspaper office (#2 on 105 E. Harden St.) (C)
7. Capt. White House (#29 on inventory) (Alamance Arts) (213 S. Main St.) (P)
8. Press (#7 on inventory) (133 n. Main St) (C)
9. Side of Sandy's on Harden (#73 on inventory) (112 W. Harden St) (C)
10. Cinema, Barbershop (#10 on inventory) (noted as 117 and 119 N. Main St. (C)
11. Paris Building (#48 on inventory. 23 Court Sharen) (C)
12. Graham Sporting Goods Store (now Sandy's) (\$59 on inventory. 142 N. Main St) (C)

Potential

1. Nicks Store (#27 noted as Dispensary on inventory AND #28 on inventory noted as Nicks Store) (Dispensary noted as 7-11 Court Square SE. and Nicks Store noted as 102 South Main St)
2. Hold-Nicholson Building (#38 on inventory. Noted as block 20-26 Court Square SW) (C) (Currently site of O.V. Yonder and Asian Passion Restaurant)
3. Side of Sandy's on Harden (#73 on inventory) (112 W. Harden St) (C)
4. Former Post Office (#68 on inventory.) (128 West Harden St.) (C)
5. Trollinger/Orange Hotel (#21 on inventory) (140 E. Elm St) (C)
6. Scott Store / Hold Scott General Store (blue building/law offices) (#34 on inventory) (38 Court Square and 105 S. Main St)
7. Historical Museum (#44 on inventory noted as former Fire Dept) (135 E. Elm St) (C)
8. Edward Jones/Things Above (#13 on inventory) (noted as 13 Court Square) EP Gates (7 Court Square adjacent) (C)
9. Farm Services (#32 on inventory) (Noted as 132 E. Elm St) (C)
10. Harden House (#1 on inventory) (109 E. Main St) (C)
11. Esso Station (Miracle Metals) (#6 on inventory) (100 E. Harden St) (Fill)
12. Little Blessings (#12 on inventory) (111 N. Main St) (C)
13. Two Crafty (#13 on inventory) (109 N. Main St) (C)
14. Hi FI and VOLT (#14 on inventory) (now #103 Hafiz and # 101 VOLT) (P)
15. Ector Law (10 Court Sq.) (C)
16. Moon Building (now Tavern/to right of John Paisley office (#49 on inventory) (17 Court
17. Side of McClure on Harden (#74 on inventory) (108 W. Harden St.) (Fill)
18. (# 23 on inventory) NO LONGER EXISTS as photo on inventory. This location is the right side of Farm Services where clothing section of Farm Services is.
19. (#25 on inventory) NO LONGER EXISTS as photo on inventory. This location is now WHITT'S Custard. Building in photo ceiling collapsed and structure was removed to later become Whitt's Custard. (21 Court Square) (C)

The next 8 plaques recommended by the HRC-

In No Order as of 6/4/2025-

- Esso Station (N Main St)
- Roasted Coffee Depot (W Elm St)
- Moon Building (NW Court Sq.)
- Burke Building
- Children's Chapel (E Harden)
- Graham Historical Museum (W Elm St)
- Green and McClure Building (N Main/ W Harden)
- Alcoa Theatre