



**Town of Rutherfordton
Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting
Regular Meeting
May 14, 2026
7:00 PM
Town Hall, Council Chambers**

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. HPC Minutes - April 9th
[Historic Preservation Commission - April 9 - Minutes](#)
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
4. **OLD BUSINESS**
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. COA Hearing - FAB Mural (117 N Washington St/123 W 2nd St)
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6. **ADJOURN**



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April 9th, 2026 7:00 PM

Rutherfordton Townhall, Council Chambers, 129 North Main Street,
Rutherfordton NC 28139.

I. Call to Order

Members Present: Alex Bell, Grant Bailey, Charlotte Epley, Pete Dickerson, Christy Houser, Ronnie Porter, Chris Magnet.

Staff Present: Benjamin Bordeaux (FRC).

Others Present: Tory Belhu, Steve Ross.

Alex Bell called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

II. Approval of Minutes and Adoption of Agenda

The Commission considered the minutes of the February 12th meeting and to adopt the agenda.

Motion: Charlotte Epley moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and adopt the agenda as presented.

Second: Ronnie Porter **Action:** Unanimous Approval

III. New Business

A. COA Hearing – 395 N. Main/St. Francis Episcopal Church

Saint Francis Episcopal Church had submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness request for landscaping and tree removal in the front and side of the church. Rev. Tony Belhu and Steven Ross presented the proposal. Two magnolia trees, planted around when the church was first built, would be removed and replaced with 5-4 native trees with more manageable maximum sizes, increasing feasibility of the church from the road as well allowing more light to filter through the church's stained glass windows. Removing ivy and eliminating debris generated by the magnolias would also decrease ongoing maintenance and upkeep costs for the parish.

Motion: Charlotte Epley moved to issue a certificate of appropriateness.

Second: Chris Magnet **Action:** Unanimous Approval

IV. – Adjournment

All business having been concluded, Chairman Bell declared the meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Benjamin Bordeaux

From: Doug Barrick <DBarrick@rutherfordton.net>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2026 12:58 PM
To: Benjamin Bordeaux
Subject: Request for HPC Review – Proposed Downtown Mural Project
Attachments: Proposed Primary Location (North-Facing Wall) 117 N Washington St.png; Alternate Location (East-Facing Wall) 123 W 2nd St.png

Ben,

I wanted to reach out to formally request review and approval from the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) for a proposed mural project being coordinated with Rutherford Food, Art & Brew (FAB). FAB was recently awarded a grant to support the creation of a public mural, and they have partnered with Blythe Studio to develop a design. The concept was shared with the community, and through a public voting process, the selected design received overwhelming support.

Proposed Primary Location (North-Facing Wall): 117 N Washington St
Owner: Curtis A. Snethen, LLC

We are currently seeking approval to install the mural on this north-facing wall. We are also requesting consideration of a secondary location as a contingency.

Alternate Location (East-Facing Wall): 123 W 2nd St
Owner: Chaveewan Nualsri

Both proposed walls are previously painted surfaces and do not face Main Street, in alignment with the Town's mural regulations. As a reminder, the applicable standards include:

- Murals may not be painted on walls facing Main Street
- Murals may not be painted on previously unpainted walls
- Murals must be maintained in good repair by the building owner
- Murals within the Downtown Historic District require HPC approval

The Town is fully supportive of this project and will work closely with FAB and the respective property owners to execute a mural agreement for use of the wall space. Upon completion, the Town will serve as the end owner of the grant-funded artwork.

At this time, we are requesting HPC review and approval for access and installation at both locations, with the understanding that the Washington Street site is the preferred location and the 2nd Street site serves as a backup to maintain the project timeline.

Please let me know if you need any additional materials, including design renderings or further documentation. We appreciate your consideration and look forward to working with you on this exciting community project

Doug Barrick
Town Manager
Town of Rutherfordton

Mobile: 828-447-6360

Primary Location: 117 N Washington St (North Facing Wall)





Alternative Location: 123 W 2nd St. (East Facing Wall)