

**The 542nd Meeting of the Red Wing Heritage Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting
City Council Chambers
July 2, 2025**

Members Present: Chair Brooke Reinke; Commissioners Kent Tsui, Sue Dicke, Ruth Nerhaugen, Jenifer Majerus, and Paul Pflueger

Members Absent: Commissioner Lottie Aslakson

Others Present: Steve Kohn, Planning Manager / Staff Liaison; Gary Iocco, Mayor; Council Liaison Janie Farrar

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Reinke at 5:30 p.m.

2. Oath of Office

A. Paul Pflueger to a First Term Ending December 31, 2027.

Mayor Iocco administered the Oath of Office for Commissioner Pflueger. Commissioner Pflueger introduced himself and was welcomed by HPC members.

3. Roll Call

Chair Reinke and Commissioners Tsui, Dicke, Nerhaugen, Majerus, and Pflueger were in attendance.

4. Approval of Agenda

Manager Kohn reported that the developers of the Boxrud Building have requested to share some proposed storefront revisions with the HPC. Manager Kohn suggested the addition of Item 7C to the meeting agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dicke, seconded by Commissioner Majerus and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda, with the addition of Item 7C.

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Draft Minutes from the June 4, 2025, Regular Meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tsui, seconded by Commissioner Majerus and unanimously carried, to approve the meeting minutes as drafted.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment regarding items not listed on the agenda.

7. Motions and General Business

A. Design Review: Building Sign and Projecting Sign at 417 Main Street for Smith + Trade Mercantile.

Manager Kohn reviewed the signage application and concept photos, including the locations of the signs along with the proposed materials and colors.

Manager Kohn stated that staff recommends approval of the design review. The placement of the signage was clarified. Manager Kohn indicated that proposed signage for another building tenant, Adourn, would be discussed later during the meeting. The brackets for the projecting sign were discussed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tsui, seconded by Commissioner Nerhaugen and unanimously carried, to approve the design review for a building sign and a projecting sign at 417 Main Street for Smith + Trade Mercantile as submitted.

B. Design Review: Projecting Sign at 413 Main Street for Adourn.

Manager Kohn provided background information and reviewed concept drawings for the proposed projecting sign. He noted that the proposed building and window signage would not require a permit. He stated that staff recommends approval of the design review.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dicke, seconded by Commissioner Nerhaugen and unanimously carried, to approve the design review for a projecting sign at 413 Main Street for Adourn as submitted.

C. Design Review Update for Boxrud Building.

Manager Kohn provided background information, referenced a past design review, and reviewed proposed revisions to the front facade. The proposed door materials and colors were discussed, and Manager Kohn indicated that staff supports the proposed changes. Front facade colors were further discussed. Apurva Patel, representing the applicant, provided additional information.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tsui, seconded by Commissioner Majerus and unanimously carried, to change the lintel color to gray to match the storefront panels and allow black/bronze painted metal doors instead of the earlier proposed woodgrain skin product.

8. Communication Items

A. Staff Status Report.

Staff Liaison Kohn discussed a new Downtown Main Street revitalization program. He noted that HPC design reviews may be required to receive grant funding toward some of these projects.

Manager Kohn reported that the ribbon cutting ceremony at He Mni Can / Barn Bluff will likely be scheduled in early fall, due to current utility work in conjunction with a trail project.

An update was provided regarding Federal grant funding toward projects.

The PreserveMN 2025 conference in New Ulm was discussed.

B. Commissioner Comments.

There were no Commissioner comments.

C. Council Liaison Comments.

Council Liaison Janie Farrar discussed the 2026 budget planning process.

9. Adjournment

Chair Reinke adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.