



Our Vision

Red Wing thrives as a vibrant, creative river town that values its natural environment, welcomes all people, and unlocks opportunity for everyone.

Our Mission

We strive to create a sustainable, healthy, accessible, resilient, and equitable community where every person feels at home.

Statement of Intent: We gather today in this room as one people to discuss and attend to the matters of Red Wing. Together, as a government body and as community members, we agree to treat everyone with courtesy, dignity, and respect. We will listen to all sides of an issue, encourage participation, support each other, act with honor and accountability, and inspire pride in our community. This we commit as we open this meeting.

Meeting Announcement and Agenda

Heritage Preservation Commission Regular Meeting City Council Chambers, 315 West 4th Street, Red Wing, MN & Virtually Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 5:30 PM

This meeting will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers and virtually via Webex at the same time. Members of the public can join this meeting either in person at City Hall or virtually. [Join the meeting via Webex](#). To join via telephone, please dial (415) 655-0001. Enter access code 2555 854 0854 and password 2026 when prompted.

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Approval of Minutes

4.A. April 1, 2026, Regular Meeting

4.B. April 14, 2026, Workshop

5. Public Comment

We now invite anyone to share their thoughts on a topic that is not on the agenda. We welcome all opinions and ideas. We appreciate you stating your name at the lectern, and please remember that personal attacks may be ruled out of order. You will have up to three minutes to comment, and we appreciate your time in coming tonight.

6. Motions & General Business

6.A. Design Review - Window Sign and Projecting Sign at 320 W. Third Street

6.B. Design Review - A-Frame Sign at 420 W. Third Street

6.C. Design Review - Applicant Request to Address HPC, Storefront Approval at 325 Bush Street (No Attachments)

6.D. 2026 Preservation Month Discussion and Approvals (No Attachments)

6.E. 2026 NAPC Forum Conference Discussion (No Attachments)

7. Communication Items

7.A. Staff Status Report (Verbal)

7.B. Commissioner Comments

8. Adjournment

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**The 551st Meeting of the Red Wing Heritage Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting
City Council Chambers
April 1, 2026**

Members Present: Chair Brooke Reinke; Ruth Nerhaugen, Jenifer Majerus, Paul Pflueger, and Megan Goodwin

Members Absent: Commissioners Kent Tsui and Lottie Aslakson (excused absence)

Others Present: Brandy Howe, Community and Economic Development Facilitator

1. Call to Order

Chair Reinke called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was conducted. Chair Reinke and Commissioners Nerhaugen, Goodwin, Majerus, and Pflueger were in attendance.

Commissioners Tsui and Aslakson previously indicated they would be absent.

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Goodwin, seconded by Commissioner Nerhaugen to approve the agenda as drafted. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.

4. Approval of Minutes

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Majerus, seconded by Commissioner Goodwin to approve the minutes as drafted. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.

5. Public Comment

No one wished to address the Commission.

6. Motions and General Business

A. Design Review – A-Frame Sign for North Star Stitching Studio at 409 W. Third Street.

Staff Liaison Howe presented background information on the current signs and what the sign would look like as found in the Agenda Packet. She noted that the Staff recommends approval.

Commissioner Nerhaugen asked about the multiple colors on the sign and whether that is allowed because of the logos. Staff Liaison Howe stated that she did not know the answer to the question but assumed that, as presented, it complied with the ordinance because Planning Manager Kohn has all the

knowledge of the HPC ordinances. Chair Reinke noted that the rest of the text is in only two colors; the logo is in multiple colors. She added that the sign looks nice and understands the desire for an A-Frame, especially when classes are taking place.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nerhaugen, seconded by Commissioner Majerus to approve the A-Frame Sign for North Star Stitching as submitted. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.

B. Design Review – Awning and Building Signs at 327 W. Third Street.

Staff Liaison Howe presented background information and the design of the awning and building sign, as found in the Agenda Packet. She noted that the Staff recommends approval.

Commissioner Nerhaugen asked if the picture in the packet is the new door on the right with the Red Wing on it. Chair Reinke stated that there are no new entrances. The Commission discussed exactly where the sign and awning would go. They also noted that the additions would be improvements and look very nice.

A motion was made by Commissioner Majerus, seconded by Commissioner Goodwin to approve the Awning and Building Signs as submitted. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.

C. Discuss Preservation Month Activities.

Chair Reinke stated that the discussion may be difficult because not all Commissioners were present. She noted that it would be useful to have a workshop. The Commission agreed that it would be best. Commissioner Nerhaugen added that the Commission received tremendous publicity in its call for nominations for the awards of honor, and there are still a few days left to submit. She stated that she would look at the trivia. The Commission discussed when and where things would take place.

Chair Reinke stated that she would email Planning Manager Kohn to schedule a workshop for early April. The Commission discussed what days would work best for them. Staff Liaison Howe reminded the Commission of the need to have a publication notification for the meeting. Chair Reinke stated that the workshop would probably be the week of April 13.

Commissioner Nerhaugen stated that the Commission needs to consider when and where to hold the event. The Commission discussed which committees they are on. Commissioner Nerhaugen reminded that Planning Manager Kohn would contact the speaker.

7. Communication Items

A. Staff Status Report.

Staff Liaison Howe had nothing to report.

B. Commissioner Comments.

Chair Reinke shared that there was an email from Planning Manager Kohn regarding the July conference. She added that there has not been an announcement of how much scholarship the Commission will receive to attend the conference. She stated that the Red Wing tour is on the first day of the conference and that there are many great classes to take as well.

Commissioner Nerhaugen stated that the Commission was not planning to spend the night due to its proximity.

8. Adjournment

Chair Reinke adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

**Workshop Meeting of the Red Wing Heritage Preservation Commission
Community Development Building
April 14, 2026**

Commissioners Present: Chair Brooke Reinke, Kent Tsui, Jenifer Majerus, Megan Goodwin, and Ruth Nerhaugen

Commissioners Absent: Lottie Aslakson and Paul Pflueger

Others Present: Steve Kohn, Planning Manager/HPC Staff Liaison

1. Call to Order

Chair Reinke called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Four members were present at Roll Call; Nerhaugen arrived at 5:30 pm. Aslakson and Pflueger were absent.

3. Discuss Preservation Month Activities

Chair Reinke reviewed committee assignments for Preservation Month activities.

Potential award projects were discussed by the group. The nominee list was narrowed down to four potential winners. The Awards committee will continue working on the nomination list for final review by the entire HPC at the May 6, 2026, meeting.

An idea to use salvaged bricks from the Eagle House project for the Awards of Merit “award” will be further researched by Liaison Kohn. A small bronze/copper plate with the award winner name and year would be added to the brick.

The idea of offering a “trivia night” based on Red Wing and Minnesota history at the Awards event was discussed. Staff Liaison Kohn indicated that he would reach out to the St. James regarding the possibility of having the event at the Hotel, possibly in the Jimmy.

The tentative date of the Awards/Trivia event was established as Thursday, May 28th. The event committee will work with Kohn regarding a venue and other details.

Kohn indicated that he would reach out to Twin Bluff Middle School and other Red Wing schools with 6th grade students to see if they have any interest in participating in the historical scavenger hunt. The scavenger hunt is basically ready to go and would take minimal time to update and distribute to the students. Kohn indicated that the main work of the committee would be to obtain prizes. Gift certificates for downtown businesses in varying monetary amounts have been used in the past. The HPC can approve a monetary amount for prizes at its May 6, 2026, meeting.

4. **Adjournment**

Chair Reinke adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Agenda Item

06.A. – Heritage Preservation Design Review for Window Sign and Projecting Sign at 320 W. Third Street

Action Requested

Motion to Adopt Staff Recommendation

Attachments

- Drawings/Photos

Prepared By

Steve Kohn, Planning Manager, May 1, 2026

Background

Austin and Miranda Perkins are opening Man on The Water at 320 W. Thirds Street (Grand Opening May 2nd) and have submitted an application for a Sign Permit for a large window sign and projecting sign on the front façade of the building. A Design Review is a required part of the Sign Permit.

The proposed window sign measures 46.5” x 51.5” and will be installed on a large window just to the right of the main entrance into the business. Several other small window signs will be installed on the recessed storefront windows on the main façade. Window signs over six square feet in size require a sign permit and HPC review; smaller window signs do not require permits or review by the HPC. The large window sign consists of the business’s logo in black and light blue with the text “Man on The Water” in black.

The proposed projecting sign consists of a one piece black, powder coated, steel bracket and 32” diameter sign plate with a vinyl printed sign face. The printed face has a white background with the same logo and text used on the window sign. The circular sign face has a 6” gap from the building façade, as required by Chapter 16.

The building has an existing cloth awning that stretches across the entire storefront. Due to the awning and decorative brick work above the awning, there is no traditional sign space on the building’s primary façade. The awning also limits locations for a projecting sign. The applicant is proposing to place the projecting sign directly above the center awning section and a brick divider between two faux window openings. The proposed height of the sign is below the 15’ maximum height allowed by Chapter 16. Please see the attached submittals.

Analysis and Staff Recommendation

The proposed window and projecting signs will not alter or destroy the distinguishing original qualities and character of the building and district. The proposed sign colors are compatible with the building and District. The signage meets all other sign regulations in the Sign Ordinance and the Heritage Preservation Ordinance.

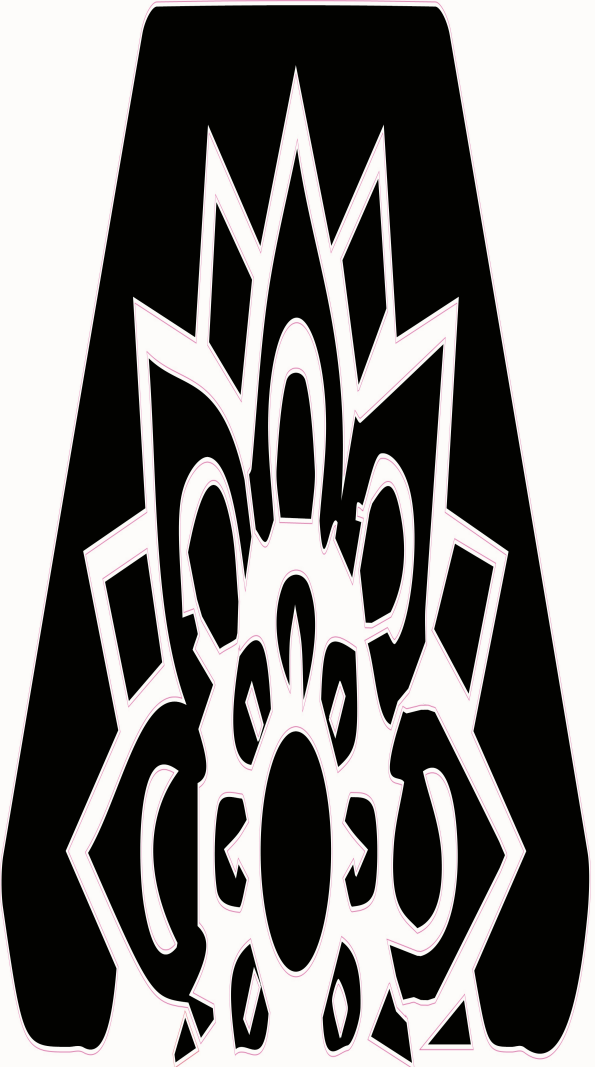
Staff recommends approval of the Design Review Form as submitted.











Man on The Water

Agenda Item

6.B. – Heritage Preservation Design Review for A-Frame Sign at 420 W. Third Street

Action Requested

Motion to Adopt Staff Recommendation

Attachments

- Drawings of Proposed Sign

Prepared By

Steve Kohn, Planning Manager, May 1, 2026

Background

Eagle Brook Church, 420 W. Third Street, has submitted a Sign Permit application and a Heritage Preservation Design Review application for a new A-Frame sign at the site. All A-Frame signs that will be located on a public sidewalk in the Downtown Historic District require a Sign Permit and HPC Design Review.

The proposed A-Frame sign consists of a 26"x49" folding, white, wood frame that allows two sign faces to be inserted. The proposed sign faces are a simple printed laminate. The sign frame is designed to have messages changed out, but for now the applicant is just proposing one face, as submitted. Staff indicated that each face would need to be approved by the HPC. Chapter 16 allows a maximum width of 30" and a maximum height of 48" for A-Frame signs. Due to the design of the sign frame, the overall sign height is 49"; however, the sign face is approximately 46" tall. Staff finds this to meet the intent of Chapter 16.

The proposed sign faces are identical and read "Welcome to Eagle Brook" in white letters, with a black and light blue background. The majority of the sign has a black face, which is consistent with the design and color of the building's façade and permanent building signage. Please see the attached photos of the sign/frame and building.

Analysis

The proposed A-Frame sign appears to be compatible with the storefront and other signage in regard to color and design. Staff mentioned to the applicant that the sign frame would be even more consistent with the storefront if the white wood frame was painted to match the crème/beige color of the storefront. The applicant indicated that painting the sign would be acceptable if required by the HPC.

The proposed sign material isn't necessarily characteristic of the Downtown District for signage; however, the laminate is designed for outside use and could easily be replaced with another face, if it were to deteriorate. The applicant may return to the HPC with additional sign faces in the future; this would allow the sign to be used for multiple events.

Staff finds that the proposed sign will not alter or destroy the distinguishing original qualities and character of the building and district. The sign appears to meet all sign regulations in the Sign Ordinance and the Heritage Preservation Ordinance.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the Design Review Form as submitted.



THANKS FOR STOPPING BY!

If you'd like to connect with a staff member or pastor, please call us at 612-964-0799

Welcome to Eagle Brook

49" 46" +/-

26"

