

NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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**MINUTES
NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
September 11, 2025
506 Main Street
North Little Rock, AR
5:30 P.M.**

Commission Members Present:

**Tom Marr
Charlie Hart
Debra Roberts**

Others Present:

**Kelli Peters, Staff
Raymond Turner
Antonio Torres
Guadalupe Perez**

Commission Members Absent:

**Susan Markman
Mason Toms**

Commission Chairman Tom Marr called the meeting of the North Little Rock Historic District Commission to order on September 11, 2025 at 5:30 P.M., and quorum was established.

Mr. Marr asked the guests to introduce themselves. Raymond Turner, the applicant for 820 Orange Street, introduced himself. The applicants for 515 Main Street arrived later.

CORRECTION AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Mr. Marr asked if Commissioners had read the minutes of the July 10, 2025 Historic District Commission meeting. Debra Roberts moved to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2025 HDC meeting as written. Charlie Hart seconded the motion and it was approved 3-0 in a roll call vote.

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New Business:

A. 820 Orange Street – Changes to roofline, siding on additions, skirting, and foundation under additions

Chairman Tom Marr introduced the project to the Commission. The owner, Raymond Turner, told the Commission that he would like to renovate his shotgun-style house, correcting things that are wrong with the three additions that were built onto the rear, prior to his purchase of the house. He would like to replace the shed roofs over the first two additions, and extend the gable roof over the third addition to cover all three, nestling the new gable roof under the overhang of the gable roof of the original (front) section of the house.

He would also like to replace the various types of siding on the three additions, matching them to the original beveled siding on the original (front) part of the house. He told the Commission that he can still get that siding from Peeples Lumber on East Washington. Charlie Hart also suggested that he look at Kaufman Lumber.

Since the house was built so low to the ground, and the siding almost reaches the ground, he would like to add a wooden skirt to the bottom of the house, to help prevent premature rotting of the lower siding boards. He compared his plan to the house next door (818 Orange) which already has this type of skirting board. Charlie Hart suggested adding a drip edge to the 1" x 10" skirting board, to help repel the water from the siding, to which Mr. Turner agreed.

He explained that he would also like to replace the foundation under the first two additions as they currently consist of a single concrete block sitting directly on the ground. He wants to dig deeper, setting piers into concrete, to create a more substantial foundation. He assured the Commission that none of the foundation work would be visible from outside the house.

Mr. Marr opened the discussion for public comment. Because no one from the public made any comments, he closed public comment.

Mr. Marr then asked for a motion to approve or deny the application as submitted. Charlie Hart made a motion to approve the application based on the Commission's discussion. Debra Roberts seconded the motion and it was approved 3-0 in a roll call vote.

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B. 515 Main Street – Signage for new business

Chairman Tom Marr introduced the application then turned the discussion over to the applicants. Antonio Torres described the two signs they would like to install for their new business, Catrina Taqueria Cantina. He explained that the round sign at the top of the building would be more visible from the street; the smaller arrow sign would be more visible to people on the sidewalk. He also pointed out that there is a tree right in front of the building, partially obscuring the upper sign, making the lower sign more necessary.

There was discussion about whether or not two signs on a building are allowed by the City. They also discussed the required height of the lower sign, to allow foot traffic to pass by, clearing the sign. No one was sure about either of these issues so the Commission asked Kelli Peters to check the regulations to determine how they should move forward, to which she agreed. They also discussed the height of the letters. Charlie Hart pointed out that the letters cannot exceed 18" in height. Mr. Torres told him that he would verify that with his sign guy.

Mr. Marr also told the applicant that if they mount the lower sign, it should only be mounted into the mortar.

Because there was no public left, Mr. Marr did not open the discussion for public comment.

Mr. Marr then asked for a motion to approve or deny the application as submitted. Debra Roberts made a motion to approve the application as submitted, on condition of staff verification of what's allowed per City regulations. Charlie Hart seconded the motion and it was approved 3-0 in a roll call vote.

Staff Report/Comments/Discussion:

Kelli Peters told the commissioners that she had no staff report this month.

After Tom Marr determined that there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelli Peters, Staff
North Little Rock Historic District Commission