



Meeting Minutes

Erie Historic Preservation Advisory Board

Town Hall - Community Room

Monday, January 26, 2026

6:30 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order – 6:30pm

2. Roll Call and Verification of Quorum - Mike Turner, Chair, DeAndrea Arndt, Vice Chair, Melanie Fuller, Secretary, Rachel Folger, Cesar Jimenez, and Alex Wicks. Absent member: Lara Thomas. Quorum achieved. Council members present: O'Connor and Pesaramelli. Others present: Harry Brennan (Town Liaison)

3. Approval of the Agenda

A. *Vote needed – Motion to approve by DeAndrea. Seconded by Rachel. Unanimously approved.*

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A. *Approval of November 17, 2025 - Motion to approve by DeAndrea. Seconded by Rachel. Unanimously approved.*

5. Public Comments on Items Not on Agenda - none

6. General Business

A) Old Business

- 1) *Budget Report (HB) - Lara had some trouble getting everything ordered that was approved last month, but she and Harry are working together to finish ordering everything. Harry reported that Town Council approved \$20,000 for the next fiscal year to help with our upcoming grand requests.*
- 2) *Historic District Research (LT / CJ) - Planning department is now letting us take the lead on this. They'd like us to come up with a plan and present it to Council. Prior to the February meeting, please send recommendations to Lara on how we should go about this process. There was a discussion about what this means in terms of what we are allowed to do without going through the Town for approval, and it was suggested to go through Harry with all of our suggestions and materials to ensure transparency and communication.*
- 3) *Planning Report (HB) - Application to develop the lot at Wells & Kattell (the empty lot where the garden sales are during the summer). It would be a single-story office/restaurant use. The property is owned by the Urban Renewal Authority and there is a partnership with a development company.*
- 4) *Social Media (LT) - Mike shared that the Town has made changes to their website to make it easier to hyperlink. The video Rachel put together was posted to the TOE's socials.*
- 5) *Phase III Surveys (MT)*
 - a) *Submission date now Feb 20, 2026 – Harry has been working with History Colorado to help us get better results this year since we were not awarded last year. Homeowner letters of support can help us, Mike and Rachel suggested to mail the letters before going door-to-door. Harry is going to get letters mailed out this week to PO Boxes.*
 - b) *Results April 6.*

- c) *CLG – no match anymore, but we'd be able to cover the difference with our budget from the Town*

- 6) *Tax Credits (AW) - No update, but Alex will work on writing something up in time for the Town Fair in May. Rachel and Mike will request that HPAB and Erie Historical Society's tents be next to one another at the Fair on May 16th.*

- 7) *Railroad History Grant (MT)*
 - a) *Expected to resubmit May 2026 – Mike will give us an update at the February meeting.*

- 8) *Eagle Mine Survey*
 - a) *Planning Grant submitted by Parks & Rec*
 - b) *Grant awarded January 12, 2026 – no vendor selected yet, but the survey will give us the exact size of the area. There was a discussion of the current draft for the area and what could work. Mike and Harry are working with Luke Bolinger and will give future updates.*

B) New Business

A) Upcoming Elections – Harry shared that Melanie, Rachel, DeAndrea and Alex will need to reapply if they want to serve another term after Town Council adjusted Board appointment schedules. Re-appointment would be for a four-year term.

B) America's 250th and Colorado's 150th – DeAndrea suggested we do something to commemorate the occasion. There was a discussion about some ideas, this will be revisited later in the year.

7. Announcements

- A) Next meeting February 23, 2025, at 6:30 PM*
- B) Town Fair – May 16th 10:00-7:00pm*
- C) Arbor Day – April 25th 10:00-1:00pm*

8. Adjourn – 7:17pm

