



Meeting Minutes

Erie Historic Preservation Advisory Board

Town Hall - Community Room

Monday, September 22, 2025

6:30 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Roll Call and Verification of Quorum - Mike Turner, Chair, DeAndrea Arndt, Vice Chair, Melanie Fuller, Secretary, Cesar Jimenez, Lara Thomas, Alex Wicks. Quorum reached. Absent member: Rachel Folger. Council member present: O'Connor. Others present: Harry Brennan (Town Liaison) and Josh Campbell (Senior Strategic Planner), DJ Bischoff (Facilities Department).

3. Approval of the Agenda

A. *Vote needed – DeAndrea motioned to approve the COA discussion to the top of the agenda, Cesar seconded. Unanimously approved.*

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A. *Approval of August 25, 2025 - DeAndrea motioned, Cesar seconded. Unanimously approved.*

5. General Business

A. **Public Comments on Items not on agenda – none present**

B. **Events**

a) *Biscuit Day (September 20) - Great success, lots of people. Thanks to all who were able to help at the event. Notes for future events: Map of mine locations is on the homepage of the Erie Historical Society. Would be nice to have a key on maps that we have in our booth so visitors know what they're looking at. Maybe a "Did you Know?" QR code or something that helps residents know historical trivia.*

C. **Old Business**

a) *Budget Report (HB) - Spent \$375 for various supplies for the booth that were approved at prior HPAB meetings. Lara loaned us some items that were very useful that we would like to purchase before the next event.*

b) *Historic District Research (LT / CJ)*

1) *The Town & HPAB working together – Since our last meeting, the Town emailed HPAB informing us to cease work regarding the Historic District. Lara, Cesar and Josh Campbell from the Town met and discussed next appropriate steps. Josh is conducting outreach with historic residents. Old Town doesn't really have a representative body to speak up to the Town, so their efforts have been with this in mind. Goal is that next there will be a recommendation to Town Council for an old town neighborhood plan.*

A plan wouldn't be finalized until spring of 2026, but may take longer to develop the appropriate recommendation. A Historic District might be part of the recommendation.

depending on what the TOE discovers through their research.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) might be formed that would include HPAB members. Mike shared concerns that the Town puts historic preservation on the back burner. There was a conversation about the various efforts aimed at keeping the history of the Town that may or may not include a Historic District.

Lara shared concerns about delineation of responsibility between the Town and HPAB, the protocol we are supposed to follow. Josh assured us that the intention of the email was not to cease work, just to pause and sync up with the TOE's efforts rather than duplicating work.

Future events the Town is hosting for Old Town can be found by searching Historic Old Town on the Town's website. Findings of the efforts will be presented to Town Council next Spring.

DeAndrea shared concerns that many OTE residents don't want to be reached out to, just to be left alone and like that they're not part of an HOA. Josh shared that the Strategic Plan is not trying to force anything upon anyone, but rather that Old Town needs its own voice and get to know one another. They're trying to do their due diligence and ensure that Old Town residents have a voice.

Lara wanted to reiterate that we're supposed to be a resource to the Town, and she hopes that we're seen as a mouthpiece for historical preservation rather than a roadblock for the Town. Josh shared that history is a big focus and knows that the Town became a town in large part due to the history of Erie's past.

- c) *Planning Report (HB)*
 - 1) *Advisory Boards Ordinance Updates – nothing new*
- d) *Social Media (LT) - nothing new*
- e) *Phase III Surveys (MT)* [Historical Architectural Survey Reports \(P25-1013\)](#)
 - 1) *ERO was unanimously recommended*
 - 2) *Town grant writer told Harry we might be more competitive for the CLG grant, which we just found out could come from History Colorado through supplemental CLG funding. We plan on submitting by October 27th for this supplemental round. There was a discussion about how best to go about getting letters of support from OTE residents. Harry will reach out to ERO to confirm that their bid will still be accurate through the end of November, once we have a chance to hear back from History Colorado.*
- f) *Tax Credits (AW) - Alex will reach out to Lindsey Flewelling at History Colorado to get more information and report back.*
- g) *Railroad History Grant (MT)*
 - 1) *Expected to resubmit May 2026*

D. New Business

a) *Eagle Mine Survey*

- 1) *Working with Luke Bolinger to come up with get another option that would give us more detail. This could be a planning grant that is ongoing rather than needing to wait for a deadline.*

b) *COA*

- 1) *Old Town Hall (235 Wells St.) - The Siren Tower that sits behind the Chamber of Commerce building is a bit of an eye sore. The Town would like to demolish it and haul off for recycling. The property is landmarked. The Tower itself isn't historical, but the siren can be kept. Future COA regarding the building will be submitted in the next few months.*

DeAndrea motioned to approve the COA with the stipulation that the Town save the Siren itself. Melanie seconded. The votes were 5-1 in favor of the motion. Motion passes.

- c) *Linear Park – There was a conversation about the Depot building and if the TOE knows how to get it moved across the street. Lara met someone at Biscuit Day who would be willing to give us an estimate. DJ said he would do some research.*

E. Announcements

- a) *Next meeting October 27, 2025, at 6:30 PM*

6. Adjournment - 7:55pm

