



Meeting Minutes

Erie Historic Preservation Advisory Board

Town Hall - Community Room

Monday, February 23, 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, Lara Thomas, Cesar Jimenez, and Alex Wicks. Quorum achieved. Council member present: O'Connor. Others present: Harry Brennan (Town Liaison)

3. Approval of the Agenda

A. Vote needed – Rachel motioned to approved, Lara seconded. Unanimously approved

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A. Approval of January 26, 2026 – DeAndrea motioned to approve, Cesar seconded. Unanimously approved.

5. Public Comments on Items Not on Agenda – none present

6. General Business

A) Old Business

- 1) *Budget Report (HB) - We still have the full budget amount available. Lara shared an example of a printable handout for kids to color at our booth or take home. Some of the other materials we had already approved for purchase were about \$800. DeAndrea moved to approve up to \$1,000 for booth upgrades and supplies for this year. Melanie seconded. Unanimously approved.*
- 2) *Historic District Research (LT / CJ) - Nothing new to report. On hold until after Town Fair. There was a discussion about inviting a History Colorado representative to come speak to us or even possibly a larger gathering with residents. We may consider a targeted mailing to better reach homeowners in Old Town. Lara offered to draft a letter that could be mailed. It was also suggested that the Town add information to the website where residents can get more information.*
- 3) *Planning Report (HB) - Nothing new to report.*
- 4) *Social Media (LT) - Nothing new to report*
- 5) *Phase III Surveys (MT)*
 - a) *Application submitted on Feb 20, 2026 – Twenty-five properties will be surveyed should we be awarded the grant. There is no matching funds required, but the maximum request allowed is \$25,000. We will contribute \$10,828. Rachel has a potential vendor for the plaques of future landmarks that she will share with Mike.*
 - b) *Results announced on April 6.*
- 6) *Tax Credits (AW) - Alex will share his information with Lara to be included in the letter to residents.*

- 7) *Railroad History Grant (MT)*
 - a) *Expected to resubmit May 2026 – May get pushed into September or October. Mike and Harry are still finding out more information on how to submit and what is needed to win the grant.*
- 8) *Eagle Mine Survey*
 - a) *Planning Grant submitted by Parks & Rec*
 - b) *Grant awarded January 12, 2026 - \$10,000 was awarded and will cover the cost of the survey so we can evaluate the exact area to landmark. Potentially will include a walking tour in the Gateway Project is on the table. After the survey is completed, the landmarking process will be under HPAB's purview. There was a discussion about coordinating with Luke and Rachel/Mike on a walking tour with actual mine employees to learn about what was in the area and potentially save some money on the survey.*

B) New Business

A) Applications for new HPAB members – Harry is going to find out if we have any new applicants. They will be voted on in April, begin their term in May.

B) Town Hall belltower – Lara asked when it will be renovated and Harry will find out more information and report back next month.

7. Announcements

A) Next meeting March 23, 2026 at 6:30 PM

8. Adjourn – 7:21pm

