

The following minutes are from the Historic Commission meeting held on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at Abita Springs Town Hall. The meeting convened at 6:05 p.m. due to technical issues.

Chairman Dinkelacker called the meeting to order. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Alissa Whitney, Paul Vogt, Ron Blitch, Andre Monnot, and Otto Dinkelacker were present. Staff member Kristin Tortorich was also present.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The Commissioners reviewed the minutes of the July 14, 2026, meeting. Commissioner Whitney requested a correction clarifying that she was not assigned to the house located at the corner of Level and Cypress Streets; Commissioner Monnot was assigned to the house. Mrs. Tortorich confirmed that the correction would be made. **Commissioner Blitch made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2026, meeting as corrected. Commissioner Whitney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

AGENDA MODIFICATION

No modifications.

CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

71626 St. Mary Street

The application was for the installation of a six-foot cypress fence along the Highway 59 side of the vacant property located at 71626 St. Mary Street. The fence will be installed behind the existing bamboo, within the property boundaries, with the bamboo serving as a backdrop. The fence is intended to provide security and serve as a display area for historic photographs printed on metal composite panels.

Commissioner Blitch stated that he supported approving the fence but wanted its exact location verified before installation. **Commissioner Blitch made a motion to approve the fence as submitted, subject to verification of its exact location and with the understanding that the Commission would like to review a master plan for the future development of the site. Commissioner Monnot seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

OPEN COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Vogt asked whether Friends of the Park was still active. Chairman Dinkelacker confirmed that the organization remains active and continues to hold meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dinkelacker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Monnot seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Kristin Tortorich, Planning & Zoning Director

Date