



# City of Laurel Historic District Commission

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EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY SEVENTH MEETING

TUESDAY – January 20, 2026– 6:00 P.M.

**\*This meeting was conducted in-person\***

**Convened:** 6:00 P.M.

**Adjourned** 6:16 P.M.

**Commissioners Present:**

Margie McCeney, Chair  
Marlene Frazier, Vice-Chair  
Nancy Steinecke  
Brencis Smith, Council President  
Oscar De La Puente  
Lakisha Muhammad  
Mary Eileen Leszcz

**Staff Present:**

Jay Meashey, Director, ECD  
Sydney Woodland, Admin. Assistant, ECD  
Alexis Williams, Planner I, ECD  
Charlotte Freedberg, Communications

**Commissioners Absent:** Zero (0)

**Citizens Present:** Two (2)

Chairwoman McCeney called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and read the opening statement.

Chairwoman McCeney asked for a roll call. Seven (7) Commissioners answered present, constituting a quorum.

Chairwoman McCeney asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes from the Regular HDC meeting held on December 16, 2025.

There were none.

**On a motion by Council President Smith seconded by Mr. De La Puente, the minutes were approved on (7) seven affirmative votes.**

**HDC-2026-0043 for 333 Prince George Street**, submitted by **Oscar De La Puente**, Applicant is seeking approval to replace current full length window cream colored wood front door with ¾ length window white wood door. Applicant is also seeking approval to replace current cream color screen door with full length window without a screen.

The applicant was present and declared a conflict of interest regarding this application and recused himself from the vote.

The applicant stated the new door will be very similar to what is already there, they are just reducing the size of the glass.

**On a motion by Ms. Frazier, seconded by Ms. Leszcz, the application was approved on (6) six affirmative votes.**

**HDC-2026-0050 for 600 Montgomery Street**, submitted by **Lam Vu**, Applicant is seeking approval to replace current brown cedar wood shingled siding with white vinyl siding.

The applicant was present.

Ms. Steinecke stated she is looking forward to when the applicant completes the work.

**On a motion by Mr. De La Puente, seconded by Council President Smith, the application was approved on (7) seven affirmative votes.**

**HDC-2026-0051 for 421 Prince George Street**, submitted by **Karen Lubieniecki**, Applicant is seeking approval to replace current architectural shingled roof with CertainTeed Pro Lifeguard shingles in the color max def Shenandoah, replace current white 5" round gutters with new 6" round heavy-duty aluminum gutters and 3" and 4" downspouts and repaint chimney black.

The applicant was present.

The applicant stated it's not the actual chimney that is being repainted it's a chimney cover.

**On a motion by Council President Smith, seconded by Ms. Frazier, the application was approved on (7) seven affirmative votes with the amendment of the repainting of the chimney cover.**

**HDC-2026-0053 for 522 Main Street**, submitted by **James Martin**, Applicant is seeking approval to Install two classic iron handrails. Handrails will be fabricated with 1" support posts, 1" flat middle horizontal and molded top rail with lamb's tongue endings.

The applicant was not present.

Ms. McCeney stated she feels that the new railings are Contemporary and do not match the style of the rest of the buildings on the property. Ms. Steinecke stated the existing railing looks like more iron work than the proposed railing. Mr. De La Puente stated the proposed railings look Contemporary compared to what he has seen at the property. Council President Smith asked whether the proposed railing would be an update for all the railings or are they only planning to do only the railings they stated.

**On a motion by Ms. Frazier, seconded by Council President Smith, the application was tabled on (7) seven affirmative votes with the request to get more information about the scope of work.**

**Staff Approvals:**

**HDC-2026-0042** for **1111 Montgomery Street**, submitted by **Cynthia Wood**, Applicant is seeking emergency approval to replace a leaking grey shingled roof with grey architectural shingles.

**HDC-2026-0030** for **407 Montgomery Street**, submitted by **Gabrielle Whitfield**, Applicant is seeking approval to replace 22 White Double-Hung, Modified Colonial 6 over 6 windows with same White Double-Hung, Modified Colonial 6 over 6 windows.

**There was no discussion.**

**Minutes Approved: Sydney Woodland**

**Date: 2/17/26**