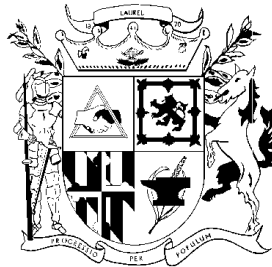


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Commission usually Meets on the Third Tuesday of Each Month

EIGHT HUNDRED NINETIETH MEETING TUESDAY – APRIL 21, 2026– 6:00 P.M. MINUTES

This meeting was conducted virtually via Zoom

Convened: 6:00 P.M.

Adjourned 6:09 P.M.

Commissioners Present:

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

Staff Present:

Jay Meashey, Director, ECD
Raven Nee, Deputy Director, ECD
Brooke Herring, Comm. Dev. Coordinator, ECD
Alexis Williams, Planner I, ECD
Charlotte Freedberg, Communications

Commissioners Absent: One (1)

Citizens Present: Three (3)

Vice Chair, Frazier called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and read the opening statement.

Vice Chair Frazier asked for a roll call. Five (5) Commissioners answered present, constituting a quorum.

Vice Chair Frazier asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the regular HDC meeting held on March 17, 2026. Ms. Leszcz initially moved to approve the minutes as presented, with Mr. De La Puente seconding the motion. Before a final vote could be called, Ms. Muhammed noted that several applications from the previous meeting were missing from the minutes, specifically HDC-2026-0061 for 108 Seventh Street, HDC-2026-0064 for 25 Post Office Avenue,

and HDC-2026-0063 for 327 Prince George Street. She questioned whether these were staff approvals or full requests. Director Meashey apologized for the error, explaining that the last meeting was Sydney's final meeting with the city and there had been a transition disconnect between getting the correct minutes from Sydney to Brooke. He confirmed that the complete minutes would be provided at the next meeting and thanked Ms. Muhammed for bringing the issue to their attention.

Following the discussion about missing applications, the motion was **withdrawn** to allow staff time to prepare complete and accurate minutes for the next meeting.

HDC-2026-0075 for 319 Laurel Avenue, submitted by **Caitlin Lewis**, Applicant is seeking approval to **add (2) sets of wooden raspberry trellises in the front yard**. The applicant was present to represent the application and confirmed that the request was simply for two different raspberry trellises to be installed in the front yard, which required commission approval due to their front yard location. Vice chair Frazier noted that the application was very well documented with extensive photographs. There was no further discussion.

Ms. Steinecke joined the meeting.

On a motion by Ms. Muhammad seconded by Council President Smith, the application for 319 Laurel Avenue was approved on (6) six affirmative votes.

Staff Approvals:

HDC-R2026-0071 for 370 Main Street, submitted by **Bruce Behnami**, Applicant is seeking approval to replace leaking roof and siding due to fire damage. The City Administrator approved this request on 3/20/2026.

There was no discussion regarding the staff approval.

Minutes Approved: Brooke Herring

Date: 5/19/2026