



City of Laurel Historic District Commission

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EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FIFTH MEETING

TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 25, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

This meeting was conducted in-person

Convened: 6:00 P.M.

Adjourned: 6:28 P.M.

Commissioners Present:

Margie McCeney, Chair

Mary Eileen Leszcz

Nancy Steinecke

Adrian Simmons, Councilmember

Oscar De La Puente

Lakisha Muhammad

Staff Present:

Monta Burrough, Deputy Director, ECD

Sydney Woodland, Admin. Assistant, ECD

Alexis Williams, Planner I, ECD

Charlotte Freedberg, Communications

Commissioners Absent: One (1)

Citizens Present: Seven (7)

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

Chairwoman McCeney asked for a roll call. Five (5) Commissioners answered present, constituting a quorum.

Chairwoman McCeney asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes from the Regular HDC meeting held on October 14, 2025.

There were none.

On a motion by Ms. Leszcz seconded by Mr. De La Puente, the minutes were approved on (5) five affirmative votes.

HDC-2026-0031 for **683 Main Street**, submitted by **Harmony Thomas**, Applicant is seeking approval to install a 12" tall x 96" wide beige and burgundy wooden with vinyl letter sign displaying "HarmonyStyles Hair Lounge".

The applicant was present.

On a motion by Councilman Simmons, seconded by Mr. De La Puente, the application was approved on (5) five affirmative votes.

Ms. Muhammad arrived at 6:08pm and Chairwoman McCeney introduced and welcomed her to the Commission.

HDC-2026-0032 for **415 Laurel Avenue**, submitted by **Regina Mima**, Applicant is seeking approval to remove a Mulberry tree from front yard and replace it with a Choke Cherry tree.

The applicant was not present.

On a motion by Mr. De La Puente, seconded by Ms. Steinecke, the application was approved on (6) six affirmative votes.

HDC-2026-0033 for **310 Fourth Street**, submitted by **Cheryl Dyer**, Applicant is seeking approval to remove a dying Dove tree and transplant a Magnolia from the property to replace the Dove tree.

The applicant was present.

The applicant stated the reason she would like to plant the Magnolia tree is because it is a native tree and the Dove tree is not.

On a motion by Mr. De La Puente, seconded by Ms. Steinecke, the application was approved on (6) six affirmative votes.

HDC-2026-0034 for **200 ½ Eleventh Street**, submitted by **Esmeralda Rodriguez Velasquez**, Applicant is seeking retroactive approval to remove hollow and dry tree in the front yard, repaint white shutters in SW6990, replace Royal Sovereign Charcoal Algae Resistant 3-tab shingles in Charcoal with same style and color, repaint garage door and rear garage door in SW6990 Black, repaint all siding and trim boards in SW6364 Egg white, repaint gutters in SW6990 Black, repair and level damaged and uneven front steps using ready-mix concrete patch in Battleship Gray, replace a white 6 pane antique door with a MPDS VG Double Water Lite Decorative Glass Door, install a new 6 panel basement door in white with black trim.

The applicant was present.

Ms. McCeney asked the applicant if the work was done after the house was purchased. The applicant stated after she purchased the home, she received City permits but was unaware that she lives in the Historic District. The applicant asked what they could do to fix the violation. Ms. McCeney explained that in the future the applicant must apply for HDC before completing any exterior work that can be seen from the street. Ms. Steincke stated the work that was done on the exterior of the house has improved.

On a motion by Ms. Steinecke, seconded by Mr. De La Puente, the application was approved on (6) six affirmative votes.

HDC-2026-0038 for **817 Montgomery Street**, submitted by **Granville Slye Jr.**, Applicant is seeking approval to replace green architectural shingles with black architectural shingles.

The applicant was not present.

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

HDC-2026-0041 for **407 Montgomery Street**, submitted by **Gabrielle Whitfield**, Applicant is seeking approval to replace three (3) white six over six windows with 3 double hung modified colonial to match the rest of the house.

The applicant was present.

On a motion by Mr. De La Puente, seconded by Ms. Leszcz, the application was approved on (6) six affirmative votes.

Staff Approvals:

HDC-2026-0017 for **309 Main Street**, submitted by **Ronald and Deanna Sargent**, Applicant is seeking approval to replace windows and doors that were damaged due to a fire. Work was previously approved on HDC Certificate 2022-0156.

HDC-2026-0013 for **109 Sixth Street**, submitted by **Scott Doughman**, Applicant is seeking approval to replace 8 vinyl double hung windows. “In-kind”.

HDC-2026-0029 for **319 Laurel Avenue** submitted by **Benjamin Lewis**, Applicant is seeking approval to replace gray 3-tab shingled garage roof with same gray 3-tab shingled roof.

There was no discussion regarding the Staff approvals.

Minutes Approved: Sydney Woodland

Date: 12/16/25