



Historic District Commission

Sign Advisory Council

Commissioners: Chris Young (Chair), Kevin Kuester, Paul Wolf, Mark Cutone, Ben Normand

Planning and Land Use Services

2 Fairgrounds Road

Nantucket, Massachusetts 02554

APPROVED MINUTES (adopted on 06/03/25)

Tuesday May 20, 2025

I. Procedural Business

Call to order at 9:02 am.

Attending members: Chris Young (Chair), Paul Wolf, Kevin Kuester, Ben Normand, Mark Cutone

Staff in attendance: Holly Backus, Preservation Planner

Absent members:

Late arrivals: None

Early Departures: None

Audio Recorded Announcement

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Paul Wolf and it was duly seconded by Ben Normand

Vote: carried unanimously

- II. Public Comment** N/A
III. Commissioner Comments

Paul Wolf expressed concerns over the ongoing delays in receiving the sign violations spreadsheet. Paul emphasized the urgency of getting the list on a consistent, weekly basis, as violations are increasing rapidly and need to be addressed in a timely manner.

IV. Old /New Business

Property Owner	Address	Scope of Work	Map/Parcel	Agent
NHA	15 BROAD ST	TEMPORARY SIGN REV (LEFT SIDE)	42.3.1/70	ASHLEY SANTOS

Sign Name: **NHA BANNERS**

Comments

No Concerns

Recommendations

Kevin Kuester recommended approval as submitted and it was duly seconded by Mark Cutone.

Vote: carried unanimously

Property Owner	Address	Scope of Work	Map/Parcel	Agent
NHA	15 BROAD ST	TEMPORARY SIGN REV (RIGHT SIDE)	42.3.1/70	ASHLEY SANTOS

Sign Name: **NHA BANNERS**

Recommendations

Kevin Kuester recommended approval as submitted and it was duly seconded by Mark Cutone.

Vote: carried unanimously

Property Owner	Address	Scope of Work	Map/Parcel	Agent
KLAUDIUS & LEIPA LLC	5 CHESTNUT ST	PROJECTING SIGN REV (THE VAULT NANTUCKET)	42.3.1/5	CARA MARQUIS

Sign Name: THE VAULT NANTUCKET

Comments

Recommendations

Ben Normand recommended the application be held for representation and it was duly seconded by Kevin Kuester.

Vote: carried unanimously

Property Owner	Address	Scope of Work	Map/Parcel	Agent
NANTUCKET ISLAND RESORTS	1 NEW WHALE LN	MONUMENT SIGN	42.3.1/35	GLENN BOORNAZIAN

Comments

Holly Backus introduced the application on behalf of the Walter Beinecke family to update an existing commemorative bronze plaque originally installed in 2005. The plaque is located on a granite stoop and honors Walter Beinecke contributions to the historic district. The proposed update is a face change only same size and wording but with improved design and quality. The revision is intended to coincide with an October celebration and the 300th anniversary of the Congregational Church.

Commissioner Comments:

- Kevin questioned whether this falls under the council's purview but had no concerns assuming it was previously approved.
- Ben and Mark had no objections, with Mark adding a personal note about knowing Walter and supporting the update.
- Paul also had no concerns.

There was general consensus in support of the plaque improvement, assuming the original installation had received prior approval.

Recommendations

Mark Cutone recommended for approval as submitted and it was duly seconded by Paul Wolf.

Vote: carried unanimously

V. Enforcement

- Chris noted he has forwarded around 10 sign violations (including sandwich boards and other unapproved signs) to Nicky. He emphasized the need for weekly updates via a spreadsheet to track enforcement progress.
- Holly confirmed she would contact an NIR representative regarding the accumulation of signage on Old South Wharf, particularly on the “Old South Wharf” cottage sign, which has become a de facto billboard with multiple unapproved plaques for different businesses.

Other Enforcement/Signage Concerns:

- Fake flowers were brought up again as a recurring concern. The council recalled that the HDC declined to pursue enforcement, and the issue has effectively been dropped.
- Kevin suggested contacting the new police chief to explore whether officers could enforce sidewalk sign violations, which are within their jurisdiction. Holly agreed to discuss this with Nicky.
- Mark asked about a Crew flag sign and questioned whether it had been approved. Chris and others did not recall any such approval. Mark offered to take a photo and send it to Chris to forward to Nicky for review.

Jack and Charlie’s Update:

- Chris informed the council that the Jack and Charlie’s freestanding sign application had been heard by the full HDC board. At the applicant’s request, it was not approved but sent back to the Sign Advisory Committee (SAC) for further revisions. It may come before the committee again.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn made by Kevin Kuester seconded by Mark Cutone.

Vote: Carried Unanimously.

Link to Meeting Recording: [HDC Sign Advisory Council - 5/20/2025](#)

Submitted by: Nicky Sheriff