



Historic District Commission Sign Advisory Council

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

MINUTES

Tuesday November 18, 2025

Remote participation via Zoom.

I. Procedural Business

Call to order at 9:03 am.

Attending members: Chris Young, Ben Normand, Paul Wolf, Mark Cutone (late arrival).

Staff in attendance: Cathy Flynn, Land Use Specialist; Rodlisha Dixon, Administrative Specialist.

Absent members: Kevin Kuester

Late arrivals: Mark Cutone

Early Departures: None

Motion to Adopt Agenda made by Normand; seconded by Wolf.

Vote: carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: October 21, 2025 (motion by Wolf; seconded by Normand).

Vote: carried unanimously.

II. Public Comment- none

III. Commissioner Comments

Council discussed recent press regarding the directional signs in downtown Nantucket. Members agreed that the signs contribute to the character of the area and should not be removed without review. The Council agreed that a memo should be sent to the HDC recommending that the existing signs be maintained and refurbished rather than removed.

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IV. New Business

<u>Property owner name</u>	<u>Street Address</u>	<u>Scope of work</u>	<u>Map/Parcel</u>	<u>Agent</u>
1. Isaiah Tryman 13621	1 Cherry St	Projecting sign- Oceanus	55/377.1	The Sign Lady

Discussion: The applicant presented a 20" × 32" double-sided projecting sign to be located at the newly approved east-elevation entrance. The sign will be painted Templeton Gray and Snowfall White. Council noted the sign slightly exceeds four square feet if measured to the edge of the arch but found the design acceptable.

Motion: Motion to approve as submitted. (made by Normand, seconded by Cutone)

Vote: carried unanimously.

2. VTT Management 13620	12A Oak St	Wall sign	42.4.2/27	Cara Scotto
3. VTT Management 13619	12A Oak St	Projecting sign	42.4.2/27	Cara Scotto

Discussion: Council reviewed a wall sign proposed for the fascia and a projecting sign proposed at an existing bracket location. Concerns were raised regarding design compatibility, the starkness of the proposed wall sign, and potential conflicts with the master sign plan for the multi-tenant 12 Oak Street property. Council agreed that both applications should be reviewed in context with the existing master sign plan before action is taken.

Motion: Motion to hold both applications for revisions and further review pending reference to the master sign plan. (made by Young, seconded by Wolf)

Vote: carried unanimously.

4. Robert Trapanick 13622	32 Tomahawk	Wall sign- entrance	69/345	Simple Signs
5. Robert Trapanick 13624	32 Tomahawk	Wall sign- side	69/345	Simple Signs

Discussion: The applicant explained that both signs will be replaced in-kind matching the existing carved signs in materials, font, and color. Council had no concerns.

Motion: Motion to approve both applications as submitted. (made by Young, seconded by Wolf)

Vote: carried unanimously.

6. NIR Retail, LLC- 13653	14 Center St	Projecting sign-Nautics Nantucket	42.3.1/202	Sign Here Nantucket
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Discussion: The applicant proposed replacing the existing Freedman's sign with a sign identical in size, shape, and colors, painted forest green with gold lettering. Council discussed prior compliance issues at this location involving window and sidewalk signage. The applicant confirmed new ownership will remove noncompliant signage moving forward.

Motion: Motion to approve as submitted with the understanding that no additional noncompliant signage shall be installed. (made by Cutone, seconded by Normand)

Vote: carried unanimously.

V. Enforcement:

Discussion: Cathy Flynn reported that there were no new violations. She noted outreach to NIR regarding the illuminated sign at the fudge shop. She and the Council discussed ongoing concerns about construction site signage. She explained that the construction sign guidelines adopted in 2021 were not fully codified and will be corrected administratively. The Council

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agreed that no revisions to the guidelines were needed and that the Builders Association should be reminded of the existing requirements.

VI. Motion to adjourn at 9:38 am by Normand; seconded by Wolf. Carries unanimously.

Submitted by Rodlisha Dixon