



Historic District Commission Sign Advisory Council

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

MINUTES

Tuesday May 5, 2026

Remote participation via Zoom.

I. Procedural Business

Call to order at 9:08 am.

Attending members: Chris Young, Ben Normand, Paul Wolf, Kevin Kuester

Absent members: Mark Cutone

Late arrivals: none.

Early Departures: none.

Motion to adopt agenda made by Wolf; seconded by Kuester.

Vote: Carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: 4/7/2026 minutes made by Kuester; seconded by Wolf.

Vote: Carried unanimously.

Motion to hold 4/28/2026 minutes made by Kuester; seconded by Wolf.

Vote: Carried unanimously.

II. Public Comment- none

III. Commissioner Comments-

Discussed looking into Mullen Rule for Advisory Boards.

Signs

1. **Museum of African Am. Hist- 14486 29 York Street Freestanding Sign 55.4.1/178 Marsha Fader**

Discussion:

Marsh Fader- agent

Dr. Noelle Trent- CEO of the Museum of African American History

Fader- submitted proposed image with edge banding and history of signage of site.

Dr. Noelle Trent- explained new logo.

Kuester- concerned with design of the sign. Explained that sign to identify location, not to advertise, recent trends. Does this sign have grandfathered status? Original sign had certain design characteristics: color, similar typography, molding and rim of the sign. When that sign was replaced with individual letter signs, he recalls lengthy discussion that was unique to this sign. Sign in the other rendition, letters have a drop shadow which represents the history of the sign. Had a detail border, moldings, cream inset. Prefers original sign to be maintained. Concerned with modern renditions starting a precedent. Stated he was concerned that applicant did not work with SAC's recommendations from the last meeting, 4/28/26.

Wolf- nothing to add.

Young- concerned with setting precedent with respect to the sensitivity and importance of this site. Out of the commercial district.

Looks like a billboard. Detracts from the historical sensitivity of the site. Concerned with color and logo.

Dr. Trent- discussed additional rendition submitted. Receptive to concerns of the Council members. Asked if any grandfathered signs change colors.

Kuester mentioned other business have removed logo or reduced size of logo. Suggested submitting directory signage in the property.

Public Comment:

Mary Longacre- summarized email sent. Concerned with logo. Encouraged modifying.

Motion to hold for revisions to remove logo and addressing the color made by Keuster; seconded by Wolf.

Carries unanimously

2. **22 Federal St, LLC – 14599 22 Federal St Wall sign- Café 22 42.4.2/31 Jonas Baker**

Discussion:

Normand- Scale needs to be adjusted to match a quarter board.

Discussion of approved Master Sign Plan.

Young- can either revise the Master Sign Plan for a wall sign and a projecting sign or submit for a projecting sign.

Kuester- wanted to know what the applicants want. Only allowed two signs per business. Noticed the projecting sign on corner of the building is small.

Motion to hold for revisions made by Wolf; seconded by Normand

Carries unanimously

3. **Young, Robert- 14544 28 Easy St OB- Master Sign Plan 42.4.2/67 Sign Here Nantucket**

Discussion:

No concerns

Motion to approve made by Wolf; seconded by Norman

Carries 3-1 (Kuester- nay)

4. Susan Thurston- 14569 8 Washington St OB- Master Sign Plan 42.3.1/142.1 Sign Here Nantucket

Discussion:

No concerns.

Motion to approve made by Normand; seconded by Wolf.

Carries unanimously.

5. NIR Retail, LLC- 14638 14 Federal St Relocate projecting sign 42.3.1/126 Sign Here Nantucket

Discussion:

Keuster- lighting only used when store is open and not to exceed 15 watts

Motion to approve through staff with made by Wolf; seconded by Kuester.

Carries unanimously.

Enforcement

Open flag sign on Fairgrounds Rd removed. Clarified Enforcement Spreadsheet.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:30am made by Kuester; seconded by Wolf.

Carries unanimously.