



Historic District Commission Sign Advisory Council

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

MINUTES

Tuesday April 28, 2026

Remote participation via Zoom.

I. Procedural Business

Call to order at 9:03 am.

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

Absent members: None

Late arrivals: Kevin Kuester at 10:05am and Paul Wolf at 10:13 am

Early Departures: Ben Normand at 10:02 am and Mark Cutone at 10:05 am

Motion to adopt agenda made by Cutone; seconded by Normand.

Vote: Carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: N/A

II. Public Comment- none

III. Commissioner Comments-none

Signs

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

Agent: Marsha Fader- Architect for MAAH

Alexia Layne-Lomon- Director of Development and Communication for the MAAH for Boston and Nantucket.

Discussion:

Cutone- concerned logo should be understated (15%) of the field, Boston - Nantucket, frame, border edge banding.

Wolf- agrees with Cutone; logo is large.

Kuester- grandfathered signs- the Intention was to maintain the historic sign.

Young- any of the historic sites like the NHA, Atheneum don't have this type of representation. It feels commercial in a residential neighborhood. Concerned with design as setting a precedent with other non-profits. A frame is necessary.

Public Comment:

Fader- this is the 3rd sign that has been repainted. previous approved sign. First sign had much more content (named the building on the site). Logo is the important part. There are 5 buildings on the campus.

Layne-Lomon- this site is commonly referred to as the Africa Meeting House. There are 5 buildings on the campus. Would like to expand the identity so it is inclusive of the other buildings.

Young- campus signs like the Hospital have a Master Sign Plan. No precedent for a logo.

Kuester- NCH part of MGH uses their original sign. No MGH branding. Would like to see revision of what was originally approved.

Cutone- prefers previous approval.

Fader- would like the HDC to review.

Young- noted that the application indicates molding which is not reflected on the image on the screen.

Kuester- concerned with the process of this approach. Not enough time for the HDC to review this meeting and documents leading up to the request for revisions.

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

Carries unanimously

2. NIR Retail, LLC- 14504 23 & 25 Center St Projecting sign 42.3.1/166 Emily Engebretson/DTA

Discussion:

Young- questioned height from bottom of the sign.

Wolf- "by TUCKERNUCK" not appropriate.

Cutone- no comments

Motion to approve made by Kuester; seconded by Cutone

Carries unanimously

3. Young, Robert- 14546 28B Easy St Vinyl Door Sign 42.4.2/67 Sign Here Nantucket

Discussion:

Application withdrawn

Vote: N/A

4. **Robert Young- 14545 28B Easy St Vinyl Window Sign 42.4.2/67 Sign Here Nantucket**

Discussion

Application withdrawn

Vote: N/A

5. **Robert Young- 14545 28 Easy St Master Sign Plan 42.4.2/67 Sign Here Nantucket**

Discussion:

Young- site plan needs to be labeled with the location of the signs. Info isn't organized.

KK- hold until next week. Recalls a sign approved with a 3-month window to come back with a MSP.

Motion to hold for revisions made by Wolf; seconded by Cutone.

Carries unanimously.

6. **Robert Young- 14545 28 Easy St Hanging Sign 42.4.2/67 Sign Here Nantucket**

Need to ratify vote at HDC

Kuester- should be a quarter board sign. Confused about what is going where.

Cutone- no concerns with hanging sing.

Wolf- agrees with MC.

Young- building has been a challenge for signs. Previously approved sign before stated they needed to submit a MSP. They didn't. But it is finally being submitted.

Motion to approve made by Cutone; seconded by Wolf

Carries 3-1 (Kuester- naye)

7. **Allan Bell- 14543 45 Main St Sign- The Luncheonette 42.4.2/207 Sign Here Nantucket**

Discussion-

Motion to hold

Vote: N/A

8. **Susan Thurston- 14334 8 Washington St Rev- Candle St side 42.3.1/142.1 Sign Here Nantucket**

Discussion-

Cutone- needs outline in a frame. drop down #8

Wolf- drop Sal Amore sign down a space.

Kuester- agrees with Cutone.

Young- applied placards. Suggested placards bigger.

MTA for "preferred" design with the independent fonts, molding applied to the armature, drop the #8 down to fill void and drop "Sal Amore" down made by Cutone; seconded by Wolf.

Carries 3-1 (Kuester-nay)

9. **Susan Thurston-14335 8 Washington St Rev- Washington St side 42.3.1/142.1 Sign Here Nantucket**

Hannah Poindexter- The Makery

Discussion:

Wolf- asked about "for now"

Kuester- remove "by for now" and increase size of "The Makery"- change font to the same as The Makery.

Cutone-parent branding has another location on-island.

Young- Vineyard Vines is precedent

Public comment:

Bob Grangrade: Vineyard Vines has "Murrays Toggery."

Motion to approve with the font of For Now to match The Makery font made by Kuester; seconded by Cutone.

Carries unanimously.

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

Discussion

Motion to hold for revisions with a site plan added made by Kuester; seconded by Cutone

Carries unanimously.

11. **NIR Retail, LLC-14570 16 Straight Wharf Projecting Sign – Grace Geier 42.3.1/139 Sign Here Nantucket**

Discussion

Kuester- not appropriate

Motion to hold for further review of the MSP made by Cutone; seconded by Wolf

Carries unanimously

12. **NIR Retail, LLC- 14571 16 Straight Wharf Master Sign Plan 42.3.1/139 Sign Here Nantucket**

No master sign plan on file for Courtyard

Grangrade- created this.

Kuester- just because the sign exists doesn't mean it should be granted MSP status. It is not necessary to have 2 signs for each business in this complex.

Cutone- hold for a view. Not prepared to weigh in. An additional projecting sign is not necessary on the second story.

Young- armature should match the Shades armature. If this were to move forward, it would be good to have NIR in attendance. and needs to be revised with all located on the site plan.

Motion to hold for a view made by Cutone; seconded by Wolf.

Carries unanimously

13. **Melissa Dudley- 14573** **10 Main St- Sconset** **Projecting Sign** **73.2.4/32** **Self**

Discussion:

Kuester- round white sign too stark. AT or near the entrance.

Wolf- no concerns.

Young- recalls last sign.

Motion to approve made by Wolf; seconded by Kuester.

Carries 2-1 (Kuester- naye)

14. **Georgine Anton- 14572** **118 Orange St** **Wall Sign** **55/301** **Cara Marquis**

Discussion-:

No concerns

Motion to approve made by Kuester; seconded by Wolf.

Carries unanimously

Enforcement

N/A

Other Business

Discussed rotating terms starting this year. To be appointed by the Select Board

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:51am made by Wolf; seconded by Kuester

Carries unanimously.