



**HERNDON HISTORIC DISTRICT REVIEW BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 16, 2025**

1. Call to Order

Chair Blaker-Blass called the July 16, 2025, Historic District Review Board regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Town of Herndon Council Chambers Building, 765 Lynn Street, Herndon, Virginia. Board Members in attendance: Tamim Chowdhury, Melody Fetske, Paul LeReche, Vice Chair Lauren Edmondson, and Chair Leslie Blaker-Glass.

Board Members Amy Oleinick and Triston Chase O'Savio were absent.

Staff present during the meeting: Lauri Sigler, Deputy Town Attorney; Angelina Jones, Lead Planner; and Aaron Zoellick, Clerk of Boards and Commissions.

Chair Blaker-Glass determined there was a quorum of five Board Members present.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. June 4, 2025, Historic District Review Board Work Session

b. June 18, 2025, Historic District Review Board Regular Meeting

Board Member Fetske motioned to approve the minutes for the June 4, 2025, Historic District Review Board work session, and the June 18, 2025, Historic District Review Board regular meeting. Motion seconded by Board Member Chowdhury. The question was called on the motion, which was carried by a 5 - 0 roll call vote. Board Members Chowdhury, Fetske, LeReche, Vice Chair Edmondson, and Chair Blaker-Glass voted "Aye."

3. Comments

a. Comments from the Staff Members

Ms. Jones provided an update on the August applications.

Mr. Zoellick stated that the August 6 work session will be held in the Herndon Police Department Community Room.

b. Comments from the Board Members

No comments were offered.

c. Comments from Citizens

No comments were offered.

4. Public Hearings

Certifications of Publication from the Editor of the Fairfax County Times Newspapers were filed, showing that notices of the following public hearing items were duly advertised in the June 27 and July 4, 2025, issues.

a. APPLICATION FOR AN ADDITION, HDRB #25-003, to consider an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a rear addition to the single-family residential building located at 706 Main Drive, Herndon, Virginia

Chair Blaker-Glass opened the public hearing and called on Ms. Jones for the staff presentation.

Ms. Jones delivered the staff presentation dated July 16, 2025, which is on file with the Department of Community Development. Ms. Jones stated that this application proposes a one-story rear addition that measures approximately 68.25 square feet in area, and will serve to extend a 2011 addition to square the northeast corner of the house. Staff recommended approval of the application in accordance with the conditioned draft resolution.

There was a discussion among staff and Board Members on this item, including: (1) clarification regarding staff's request for materials.

Chair Blaker-Glass invited the applicant to provide comments.

The applicant, David Fazio with MW Architects, was present and provided brief comments.

There was a discussion among the applicant, staff, and Board Members on this item, including: (1) the Board's requirement to follow the guidelines; (2) the yellow brick as a defining feature of the home and the historic district; (3) distinguishing previously unpainted masonry from painted masonry within the Historic District; (4) clarification that the location of a building within the historic district does not impact the review of the application; and (5) suggestions provided by Board Member Oleinick during the work session.

Mr. Fazio offered a compromise of painting the brick and then weathering it to provide an aged appearance. Ms. Jones provided a response explaining why staff did not support the compromise proposal.

The homeowner, Andrew Kelly, was present and provided comments regarding the original design of the home and the intent of the proposal.

There was a discussion among the homeowner, staff, and Board Members on this item, including: (1) whether the applicant has any documentation showing the home as built; (2) clarification regarding the replacement of siding; (3) the role of precedence in the Historic District Review Board's decision-making; (4) the Board's task to apply the guidelines evenly and fairly; (5) implications of moving forward with this application if the guidelines are not met; (6) the integrity and character defining significance of homes within the Historic District Overlay; and (7) whether just the 60 square feet of the addition or the entire rear of the home needs to have distinguishing siding.

Ms. Jones stated that she would like additional time to consider the information brought forth by the applicant. Ms. Jones proposed removing the condition regarding the painting from the resolution to give staff time to consider the painting of the brick with the original architectural intent.

Ms. Sigler stated that each property is supposed to be evaluated individually and clarified that previous applications do not necessarily establish a precedent.

Ms. Jones recommended striking condition (a) from the draft resolution and replacing it with "The portion of the proposed design related to painting the historic yellow brick of the primary dwelling and the detached garage shall be removed from the final set of application materials submitted to staff."

The applicant requested removing the siding from this application as well to see what was previously approved.

Vice Chair Edmondson recommended approving the siding now to save the applicant time.

The applicant wanted clarification on which windows needed to have 6-over-6 windows with exterior muntins. Ms. Jones responded.

The applicant sought clarification on whether future replacement of windows would need an additional application. Ms. Jones responded.

The applicant's representative, Michael Wijdoogen with MW Architects, was present and provided brief comments.

There was discussion among the applicant's representative, staff, and Board

Members on this item, including: (1) potential options on approving the application.

Chair Blaker-Glass recognized members of the audience for comment.

No comments were provided.

Board Member Fetske motioned to approve HDRB #25-003 as presented.

Board Member Fetske sought clarification from Ms. Sigler on the motion.

Ms. Sigler stated that amending the resolution would be recommended

Board Member Fetske motioned to approve HDRB #25-003 in accordance with the draft resolution with the exception of replacing item (a) with "The portion of the proposed design related to painting historic yellow brick of the primary dwelling and the detached garage shall be removed from the final set of application materials submitted to staff." Motion seconded by Board Member Chowdhury. The question was called on the motion, which was carried by a 5 - 0 roll call vote. Board Members Chowdhury, Fetske, LeReche, Vice Chair Edmondson, and Chair Blaker-Glass voted "Aye."

b. APPLICATION FOR AN ALTERATION TO AN EXISTING STRUCTURE, HDRB #25-004, to consider an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for alterations to a single-family residential building located at 703 Dranesville Road, Herndon, Virginia

Chair Blaker-Glass did not open the public hearing and called on Ms. Jones for a staff update.

Ms. Jones stated that the applicant had requested the withdrawal of the application for HDRB #25-004.

Chair Blaker-Glass recognized the applicant for comments.

There was no further discussion between the Board and staff on this item.

The applicant was not present.

Board Member Fetske motioned to approve the withdrawal of HDRB #25-004. Motion seconded by Board Member Chowdhury. The question was called on the motion, which was carried by a 5 - 0 roll call vote. Board Members Chowdhury, Fetske, LeReche, Vice Chair Edmondson, and Chair Blaker-Glass voted "Aye."

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, and without objection, the July 16, 2025, Historic District Review Board regular meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aaron Zoellick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and 'Z'.

Aaron Zoellick
Clerk of Boards and Commissions

Minutes approved by the Historic District Review Board: August 20, 2025