

HERNDON HISTORIC DISTRICT REVIEW BOARD
Work Session Minutes
Wednesday, January 7, 2026

1. Call to Order

Chair Blaker-Glass called the January 7, 2026, Historic District Review Board work session to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Council Chambers Building, 765 Lynn Street, Herndon, Virginia. In attendance were: Melody Fetske, Paul LeReche, Amy Oleinick, Vice Chair Lauren Edmondson, and Chair Leslie Blaker-Glass.

Board Member Tamim Chowdhury was absent.

Staff present during the meeting: Lauri Sigler, Deputy Town Attorney; Angelina Jones, Lead Planner; Amanda Kertz, Town Clerk; and Becky Skillin, Deputy Town Clerk.

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

2. Public Hearings

a. Application for new Construction, HDRB #25-005, 106 Monroe Hill Court Herndon, Virginia, to construct a new accessory structure located northeast of the intersection of Monroe Hill Court and Monroe Street

Chair Blaker-Glass opened discussion of the public hearing and recognized Angelina Jones, Planner, for the staff report. Ms. Jones presented an overview of the application for new construction, noting the history, architectural style, location, and associated structures, as well as the nature and history of the application. Ms. Jones also noted that the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) granted a variance to the address on December 18, 2025. Discussion at the BZA meeting included the siting of the accessory structure and the appropriateness of alternative materials.

Chair Blaker-Glass invited the applicant to forward for comments. Patricia Kelly, applicant, provided comments on her application. She highlighted some difficulty she experienced with zoning and process constraints.

Responding to the discussion, Ms. Jones stated that new ordinances related to accessory structures are currently in development. She indicated that she could amend the resolution to address sight constraints and the particular uniqueness of the location.

Board Member Fetske inquired about the setback.

Vice Chair Edmondson reviewed and clarified the status of the application, discussed the right-of-way and sight lines, and addressed the height of the fence to be installed.

Chair Blaker-Glass commented on the process and asked Board Members if they had reviewed the draft resolution, who confirmed they had reviewed the draft resolution.

b. Application for an Alteration, HDRB #25-011, 783 Station Street, Suite A, Herndon, Virginia, to consider a Certificate of Appropriateness to modify the front entrance of the building at located on the northeast side of Station Street between the intersections with Pine Street and Lynn Street

Chair Blaker-Glass opened discussion of the public hearing and recognized Angelina Jones, Planner, for the staff report. Ms. Jones presented an overview of the application for an alteration. Ms. Jones showed historical photos of the façade and provided details from comparable applications related to the proposal. The staff analysis noted the current façade proposal is not symmetrical, and recommendations include design elements that maintain the building symmetry, alternative door recessing, and alternative materials for the door.

Chair Blaker-Glass invited the applicant forward for comments.

Michael Wijdoogen, MW Architects, applicant's agent, discussed the history of the application, the intent to return it to the original features, issues with yard debris and draftiness, and plans for millwork. He also presented updated design materials and stated that the brick entrance walkway will remain.

Board Member LeReche inquired about the intended window materials and asked about the window above the door.

Board Member Fetske asked about the width of the revised door, ADA compliance, and requested staff comment on the recessing of the door.

Vice Chair Edmondson asked the applicant about general plans, the transom finish, and offered alternative window material suggestions.

Chair Blaker-Glass asked whether the Board had location of the door issues.

Board Members indicated there were no impediments to the location of the door or the façade as proposed.

3. **Comments**

a. **Comments from the Staff Members**

Angelina Jones, Lead Planner, introduced Sofia Ielmini, an architecture student from the University of Virginia, who is serving as an intern and attending to observe local government. The intern discussed her experiences, and the Board made comments regarding mentorship, municipal services, and public meetings.

Ms. Jones reminded the Board of the annual fiscal year training requirements and reviewed the previous year's cases, including administrative review cases. She outlined the criteria used for administrative decisions intended to save Board time and Town resources. Ms. Jones noted that Chair Blaker-Glass plans to meet with the Town Manager and Mayor LeBlanc. She further stated that the Historic District Review Board plays an important role in supporting the Town's historic preservation efforts.

Lauri Sigler, Deputy Town Attorney, reviewed the charter requirements for Historic District Review Board membership and updated the Board on the Town's efforts to recruit new members.

b. **Comments from the Board Members**

Board Members LeReche, Fetske, Oleinick and Vice Chair Edmondson had no comments.

Chair Blaker-Glass discussed possibilities for recruiting new members to the Boards and asked about amending the charter.

4. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Blaker-Glass adjourned the January 7, 2026, Historic District Review Board work session at 8:06 p.m.

Becky Skillin
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Deputy Town Clerk



Minutes approved by Historic District Review Board: **February 18, 2026**