

HERNDON HISTORIC DISTRICT REVIEW BOARD
Work Session Minutes
Wednesday, February 4, 2026

1. Call to Order

Chair Blaker-Glass called the Historic District Review Board Work Session on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Herndon Council Chambers Building, 765 Lynn Street, Herndon, Virginia. Board Members in attendance: Tamim Chowdhury, Melody Fetske, Amy Olenick (arrived at 7:20 p.m.), Paul LeReche, and Chair Leslie Blaker-Glass.

Vice Chair Lauren Edmondson was absent.

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

Chair Blaker-Glass determined there was a quorum with four members present when the meeting began.

2. Public Hearings

a. APPLICATION FOR AN ADDITION, HDRB #26-001, 781 and 783 Station Street, Herndon, Virginia, to construct a rear addition to abutting commercial buildings

Chair Blaker-Glass opened the public hearing and recognized Angelina Jones, Lead Planner / Design and Development, who presented the staff report.

Ms. Jones gave an overview of the property, noting additional details are available in the staff report for Application HDRB #26-001. The property received a notice of violation in October 2025 related to an expired temporary permit, and the current proposal was presented as part of efforts to resolve that violation. Staff reviewed the proposal, to include varied rooflines between the two buildings, the use of standing seam metal roofing over 781 Station Street, and an enclosed entrance connecting the structures. Staff referenced the rear addition at 841 Station Street as an example of how contemporary design can be applied to a historic building without compromising historic integrity.

Ms. Jones discussed concerns related to the proposed design, including the articulation of doors and windows, the lack of a clearly defined architectural style for the porch and enclosed entrance, and the compatibility of proposed materials

such as brick, aluminum doors, plywood panels, and screening elements. Staff recommended further refinement of materials, detailing, and massing, including reducing and lowering rooflines, clarifying enclosure details, and improving overall compatibility with the existing historic and post-modern additions constructed circa 2000. Staff noted that temporary screening is not subject to Historic District Review Board approval and withheld a formal recommendation pending board discussion.

Chair Blaker-Glass asked the Board for additional comments or questions for comments on the staff report. Board Members did not offer additional comments. Chair Blaker-Glass's comments included:

1. Compatibility of styles and materials to match post-modern design with the rest of the new addition.
2. Durability of plywood panels.
3. Guideline matrix for decision-making.
4. Massing.
5. Opaque entrance.
6. Environmental concerns: wind, water, and drainage.

Chair Blaker-Glass invited the applicant for comments. Michael Wijdoogen, MW Architects, applicant's agent, made comments including:

1. History of the property.
2. Intent of the opaque door design, latticework, and roof elevations.
3. Explanation of the expired permit.
4. Previous designs presented to the Board.
5. Panels and enclosure.
6. Canvas screening for three-season usage.

The applicant's assistant provided updated designs and materials that address previous staff recommendations, including:

1. Columns and how they interact with the wood panels in the designs.
2. Railings.
3. White anodized aluminum and Low-E, tinted glass.

Chair Blaker-Glass invited the Board for comments on what the applicant presented. Discussion included:

1. Column design.
2. Design preferences.
3. Need for a visual focal point.
4. Proportionality.
5. Roof elevations and slope.

6. Utilizing glass panels instead of plywood around the door to reduce the massing.
7. Matching the front design to the back.
8. Staircase and entrance accessibility.
9. Screening materials for environmental concerns and placemaking.

3. **Comments**

a. **Comments from the Staff Members**

Angelina Jones, Lead Planner, stated that there will be a tax credit workshop for contributing buildings within the Historic District offered on May 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Herndon Council Chambers.

b. **Comments from the Board Members**

No comments were offered by the Board.

4. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, and without objection, Chair Blaker-Glass adjourned the February 4, 2026, Historic District Review Work Session at 8:17 p.m.

Becky Skillin

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Deputy Town Clerk



Minutes approved by Historic District Review Board: **February 28, 2026**