Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes - February 10, 2026

1. Call to Order: Chairman Griffin called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

2. Roll Call: Chairman Griffin; Commissioners Beroza, Sanders, and Taylor were present. Commissioner Hubbard was absent.

   Staff: Joe Duffy – Community Development Director and Christine Sewell – Recording Clerk

   Guests: Mayor Randall Walker, Robert Smith – City Manager, and Ms. Sandra Hall - DCA

3. Guests
   a. Mayor Randall Walker and City Manager Robert Smith- 2026 Welcome

   Mayor Walker thanked the Commission for their commitment to the city and the Commission and their role in preserving Perry's history. Mr. Smith reiterated and noted as always, he and Council are supportive of the Commission and their duties.

   b. Ms. Sandra Hall – DCA - Discussion regarding consideration of pursuing Certified Local Government (CLG) Status

   Ms. Hall provided an overview of the program which can enhance the city's role in preservation and the opportunity for grant funds, along with the program benefits and eligibility requirements. Ms. Hall advised an application can be submitted at any time for consideration with a review time of three to four months and if approved grant applications can be submitted in December. Mayor Walker advised it was the desire of the city to become a CLG. Ms. Hall provided some examples of possible grant-funded projects, such as boundary surveyors, oral histories, and rehabilitation projects.

   During general discussion, Commissioner Sanders asked how corrections to the adopted designation reports could be submitted. Ms. Hall advised an amendment, or an appendix could be done; this was the first she'd had and advised she would be glad to review when submitted. Mr. Duffy asked the Commission what projects they would like to pursue; Chairman Griffin stated historical markers for residential properties, webpage with detailed information, tours, more information on the city's history. Commissioner Sanders and Taylor audio history, specifically in the Old Field area, and to document the areas' history and changes over time.

4. Citizens with Input – None

5. Approval of the Agenda – Commissioner Beroza motioned to approve as presented; Commissioner Sanders seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

6. Approval of Minutes – January 13, 2026, meeting – Commissioner Sanders motioned to approve as submitted; Commissioner Taylor seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

7. New Business

a. Change in Commission by-laws- IV Meetings – time of meetings from 6:00 pm to 5:45 pm

Chairman Griffin advised from previous discussion to allow for a work session or pre- meeting such as Council does to review and have open discussion of COA's prior to the public hearing for any questions among the Commission. It was decided to have the current meeting time remain and if necessary, as per the by-laws the Chairman could call a special meeting prior to the regularly scheduled meeting date/time. Commissioner Beroza motioned to deny the proposed by-law change as presented; Commissioner Taylor seconded; all in favor and was unanimously denied.

8. Adjournment – there being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm.

Approved 03.10.26