

# City of Naperville

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## Naperville

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 23, 2026

7:00 PM

Meeting Room C

**Historic Preservation Commission**

**TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THE MEETING:** To address the Historic Preservation Commission in-person during the meeting, members of the public should sign up in-person at the meeting location on the day of the meeting. Signup is available for 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. Members of the public who did not sign up will be called on during the meeting by the Chairman.

**TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS OR A POSITION OF SUPPORT OR OPPOSE:**

You may submit written comments to the Historic Preservation Commission to [PLANNING@NAPERVILLE.IL.US](mailto:PLANNING@NAPERVILLE.IL.US) in advance of the meeting.

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Comments received outside this time frame will not be transmitted or posted. Written comments will not be read aloud during the meeting.

**PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES:**

The citizen participation guidelines are outlined in 1-5-6-6: - CITIZEN PARTICIPATION of the Naperville Municipal Code.

**ALL VIEWPOINTS AND OPINIONS WELCOME:** All viewpoints are welcome, positive comments and constructive criticism are encouraged. Speakers must refrain from harassing or directing threats or personal attacks at Commission members, staff, other speakers or members of the public. Comments made to intentionally disrupt the meeting may be managed as necessary to maintain appropriate decorum and allow for city business to be accomplished.

**IF YOU SIGN UP TO SPEAK:** The Chairman will call your name at the appropriate time during the Historic Preservation Commission meeting. Once your name is called you may identify yourself for the public record. Speak clearly and try to limit remarks directly to the matter under discussion. Speakers are limited to three minutes and are called in the order they sign up.

**PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION:**

Any individual who may require accommodation to listen to or participate in the meeting should contact the Community Services Department at (630) 305-5300 as soon as possible, but no later than by 5 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

We appreciate your understanding as we implement a check-in process to improve security while maintaining a welcoming environment.

**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Santucci called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL:**

**Present** 9 - Jacob Sandborn, Patricia O'Brien, Andrea Field, Kerry Malm, Jessica Bufort, Chris Santucci, James Wills, Paul Deffenbaugh, and Stuart Adams  
**Absent** 2 - Patrick Kelly, and Robert Sanchez

Staff Present: Isaac Marlott, Assistant Planner, Staff Liaison to the Historic Preservation Commission

**C. PUBLIC FORUM:**

Bill Simon, President, Naperville Preservation recognized former Historic

Preservation Commission Staff Liaison, Brad Iwicki, for his service to the commission. The speaker also discussed the closure of Beidelman Furniture, referencing the building's landmark status and raised concerns with the Kroehler Mansion improvements regarding the window style.

Philip Buchanan, Naperville Preservation, appreciated staff's efforts on the Historic District Survey and provided updates on upcoming Naperville Preservation events

#### **D. OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **E. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

#### **F. REPORTS**

1. Receive the report from Ramsey Historic Consultants regarding updates on the Naperville Historic District Survey.

Lara Ramsey, Ramsey Historic Consultants, presented updates on the Naperville Historic District Survey.

Chair Santucci opened the floor to questions from Commissioners and members of the public.

Chair Santucci inquired whether fast-track COA information was shared with the consultant.

The Consultant confirmed this information was shared.

Commissioner Deffenbaugh asked for the consultants opinion on the state of preservation in Naperville.

The Consultant acknowledged changes have occurred in the district and highlighted cases where significance ratings had increased from the 2007/2008 survey

Commissioner Deffenbaugh followed up asking about worrying trends.

The Consultant mentioned wrap-around porches as an example of a trending change in the district that often is not historical accurate.

Commissioner O'Brien inquired as to whether the survey captured information on whether changes were supported by a COA.

The Consultant affirmed this information was shared by the city and included in the survey results.

Commissioner Bufort noted that the survey form does include indication of whether work completed did or did not receive a COA.

Carol Schmidt asked for clarification on the survey criteria.

Commissioner Field asked if the data could be queried and followed up on specific requests that might be beneficial for the commission.

The Consultant affirmed this capability and proposed including results in the survey final draft.

Philip Buchanan asked if the plaque program is complete and suggested adding a code enforcement section to the survey form.

Tim Messer noted minor inconsistencies in the survey draft and made edit suggestions.

Commissioner Deffenbaugh requested more information on significance ratings.

The Consultant elaborated on the significance rating process.

Commissioner Deffenbaugh, Carol Schmidt, and the Consultant discussed local versus national standards of significance.

Commissioner Bufort inquired about how to get in touch with the Consultant.

The Consultant stated their email for the record: lara@ramseyhcinc.com

**This Presentation was received.**

**2. Approve the minutes of the March 26, 2026, Historic Preservation Commission meeting**

Commissioner Bufort submitted a correction to the date listed in the March 26, 2026, Historic Preservation Commission meeting Minutes.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bufort seconded by Commissioner O'Brien to approve as amended the meeting minutes of the March 26, 2026, Historic Preservation Commission meeting. The motion carried by voice vote**

**G. NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Sandborn made a motion seconded by Commissioner O'Brien to reinstate the Commissioner Training sessions at a future meeting.

Aye: 8 - Bufort, Deffenbaugh, Malm, O'Brien, Sandborn, Santucci, Willis, Adams  
Nay: 0

**H. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Commissioner Bufort made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sandborn, to adjourn the Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of April 23, 2026 at 8:05**

p.m.

/S/ Isaac Marlott, Assistant Planner