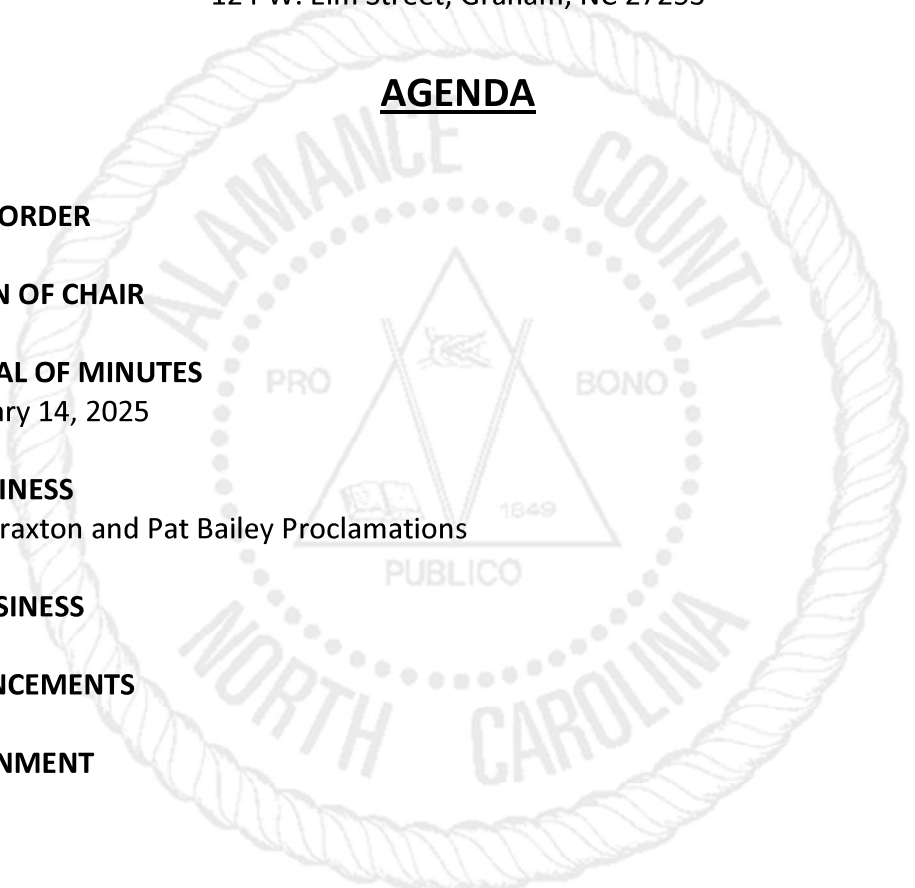


Alamance County Historic Properties Commission

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

6 PM, Commissioners' Meeting Room
124 W. Elm Street, Graham, NC 27253

AGENDA

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- I. CALL TO ORDER**
 - II. ELECTION OF CHAIR**
 - III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 1. January 14, 2025
 - IV. OLD BUSINESS**
 - 1. John Braxton and Pat Bailey Proclamations
 - V. NEW BUSINESS**
 - VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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MINUTES

Members Present

Katherine Hadley
Laurie Smith
John Greeson
Megan Privett
Emily White
Chris Copsey
Arnetta Girardeau
Chris Wells
Aric Geda
Gale Pettiford
Scott Ward

Members Absent

Staff Present

Matthew Hoagland, *Planning
Director*
Ian Shannon, *Planner II*

Also Present

Rodney Cheek

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hoagland called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. He recognized the board's newest member Scott Ward, who just retired from the Alamance County I.T. Department after 27 years of service. Mr. Ward introduced himself, gave a little bit about his background, and said he was glad to be on the board.

II. OATHS OF OFFICE

Mr. Hoagland noted that N.C. General Statute 160D-309 requires that all HPC members qualify by taking an oath of office before entering their official duties. Four members are beginning new terms tonight and those members are Scott Ward, Emily White, Gale Pettiford, and John Greeson. Assistant County Attorney Michelle Horn administered oaths to the members mentioned above.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Hoagland said to the board that the HPC By-Laws require that they elect a chair and vice chair each year during their organizational meeting. As Planning Director, he said he will oversee the election of chair. Then once a chair is elected, he will turn the meeting over to them for the election of Vice Chair and the remainder of the agenda. He then noted that Rodney Cheek has served the past few years as chair, and he assumes the board would like to elect him again. However, due to Rodney's application not technically being submitted until after the deadline, he is not currently a member of the board. He asked the board if they might like to skip electing a chair tonight, elect a vice chair to run this meeting, and then proceed with the election of chair at the next meeting.

There was a motion to postpone the election of chair for tonight and handle that business at the next meeting. There was a second to this motion, then it was approved unanimously.

Mr. Hoagland moved on to the election of vice chair. There was a nomination and a second for Laurie Smith. Mr. Hoagland asked if there were any other nominations for vice chair. Laurie Smith nominated Aric Geda and said she would like to withdraw her name from consideration. Following discussion and a vote, Aric Geda was elected unanimously to serve as vice chair.

IV. APPROVAL OF 2025 CALENDAR

Mr. Hoagland turned the meeting over to Mr. Geda and asked if he wouldn't mind amending the agenda to approve the 2025 calendar. He had inadvertently left it out of the agenda packet. Mr. Geda asked for a motion and second to amend the agenda and approve the calendar. There was a motion and a second. Mr. Ward clarified that the last date on the list should be January 13, 2026. The 2025 calendar was approved unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Geda noted that they still haven't acted on the plaques they had put together though they had approved the format. He would like to see that on the agenda of the next meeting. Mrs. Hadley asked if the Guthries had been notified of their historic status since that was approved at a previous meeting and if the Commissioners had approved. Mr. Hoagland said that both of those recent items were approved by the Commissioners not long after the HPC approved them. Mrs. Hadley asked if all the parties had been notified but Mr. Hoagland said he did not recall if they had been notified other than the Village of Alamance but that he would check and report back. Mr. Cheek also clarified for Mr. Ward that the pending plaques are for former HPC members Pat Bailey and John Braxton.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hoagland introduced Elon University Professor Carole Troxler. He told the board that Mrs. Troxler is spearheading an America 250 Grant Application aimed at recognizing the Historic Ballpark Community in the Town of Elon. He told the board that after her presentation, the only business they will need to conduct tonight is to simply recommend or not recommend moving forward with the grant application. Upon their recommendation, this issue will then go before the County Commissioners for approval and the County would act as the fiscal agent for the grant. He also mentioned that part of her proposal includes the erection of a Historic Marker for the property. That would need to come back before the board in the months to come and go through the usual application process of being presented to the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources in accordance with N.C.G.S. 160D-946.

Mrs. Troxler gave her presentation and answered some questions from the board. Mr. Hoagland gave some details about what may need to happen next, specifically regarding the historic marker.

After the presentation and discussion, the board unanimously recommended approval of the grant application and sending it along to the County Commissioners for final approval. Mr. Hoagland mentioned that this item is already on the Commissioners' upcoming agenda.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Hoagland clarified that notifications were in fact mailed to the property owners that Mrs. Hadley had asked about earlier during Old Business. They have been properly notified.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The board voted to adjourn at 7:12 PM.