

Meeting Minutes

Historic Preservation Commission

Regular Meeting

May 27, 2026 | 5:30 p.m.
Chandler City Council Chambers
88 E. Chicago St., Chandler, AZ



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Weight at 5:36 p.m.

Roll Call

Commission Attendance

Chair Kevin Weight
Vice Chair Cheryl Bell
Commissioner Erika Finbraaten
Commissioner Tom Bilsten
Commissioner Carissa Krausman

Staff Attendance

David de la Torre, Acting Planning Administrator
Lauren Schumann, Acting Planning Manager
Darsy Smith, City Planner
Mikyela Liburd, City Planner
Thomas Allen, Assistant City Attorney
Danielle Smee, Clerk

Absent:

Sandra Campbell
Jody Crago

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Finbraaten.

Scheduled and Unscheduled Public Appearances

Members of the audience may address any item not on the agenda. State Statute prohibits the Board or Commission from discussing an item that is not on the agenda, but the Board or Commission does listen to your concerns and has staff follow up on questions you raise.

Announcements

1. Recognition of Former Commissioners Bryan Saba and Devan Wastchak

DAVID DE LA TORRE, ACTING PLANNING ADMINISTRATOR, thanked former commissioners Saba and Wastchak for their dedicated service to Chandler over the past decade, including their contributions to the historic landmark designations in Chandler. Former Commissioners were given a commemorative plaque.

2. Welcome and Introduction of new Commissioners Sandra Campbell and Carissa Krausman

CHAIR WEIGHT offered time for new COMMISSIONER CARISSA KRAUSMAN to introduce herself. COMMISSIONER KRAUSMAN provided background of her time in Chandler as a business owner in the Downtown Area and that she is here to volunteer her time and give back to her city.

COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL was absent.

Action Agenda Item No. 3 and Discussion

3. March 25, 2026 , Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Move Historic Preservation Commission approve Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2026.

CHAIR WEIGHT inquired if Commissioners had any questions or comments on the previous meeting minutes. He noted there were a few typographical errors and asked if those could be corrected.

Action Agenda Item No. 3 Motion and Vote

COMMISSIONER BILSTEN motion to approve Action Agenda Item 3, seconded by COMMISSIONER FINBRAATEN.

Item was passed unanimously (5-0)

Action Agenda Item No. 4 and Discussion

4. Architectural Plan Review, Acqua Di Mare Restaurant

Move Historic Preservation Commission approve Architectural Review Plan, PLH26-0019 Acqua Di Mare Restaurant, allowing the addition of a covered outdoor patio and bar located at 106 S Oregon Street, generally located ¼ mile South of the Southwest corner of Chandler Boulevard and Arizona Avenue, subject to conditions

DARSY SMITH, CITY PLANNER presented the Architectural Plan Review for Acqua di Mare Restaurant. MS. SMITH reviewed the existing restaurant as well as the request to improve the canopy and an outdoor bar to the existing restaurant, including pavers, a covered patio over the

bar with additional seating, turf and new perimeter landscaping, screening of storage and a fire pit.

MS. SMITH concluded that the addition of the patio is consistent with the surrounding area and recommended approval with stipulations.

CHAIR WEIGHT asked MS. SMITH to read the stipulations aloud for the record. MS. SMITH reviewed the stipulations 1-8.

CHAIR WEIGHT inquired if the Applicant wished to speak; Applicant declined to speak.

COMMISSIONER FINBRAATEN inquired about the color of the canopy that was mentioned as she could not view it on the "Street View" of the building. MS. SMITH elaborated as to the color, a brown color as referenced in her presentation and that the patio is on Oregon Street.

CHAIR WEIGHT inquired staff as to what made this item come through to the Historic Preservation Commission. MS. SMITH referred to MR. DE LA TORRE.

MR. DE LA TORRE responded that with the zoning code, any new structure built in the City Center District area (such as a patio roof in this instance) will trigger the Historic Preservation Commission to meet and review for approval.

CHAIR WEIGHT stated he understood the reasoning and appreciated the explanation.

COMMISSIONER KRAUSMAN stated she was excited for the business and that they have good food.

COMMISSIONER BILSTEN appreciated the Applicants interest in re-investing into their business to make it better. CHAIR WEIGHT agreed with COMMISSIONER BILSTEN.

Action Agenda Item No. 4 Motion and Vote

COMMISSIONER BILSTEN motion to approve Action Agenda Item 4 with stipulations, seconded by COMMISSIONER KRAUSMAN.

Item was passed unanimously (5-0)

Action Agenda Item No. 5 and Discussion

5. Architectural Plan Review, Aire by Puro

Move Historic Preservation Commission to approve Architectural Plan Review, PLH26-0014 Aire by Puro, allowing two illuminated signs at a rooftop patio bar at 111 W Boston Street, Suite #200, generally west of the southwest corner of Arizona Avenue and Boston Street.

MIKAYELA LIBURD, CITY PLANNER, presented the Architectural Plan Review for Aire by Puro. MS. LIBURD stated the request for two illuminated signs for the business were above the parapet of the roof, located in the City Center District and therefore requiring Historic Preservation Commission approval.

MS. LIBURD reviewed the sign code standards and mentioned the placements of the signs and the materials to be used. MS. LIBURD clarified that on the presentation provided, the elevations shown do not match where the Applicants are planning to have the signs, stating that signs will be located on the East and South elevations. MS. LIBURD noted that other businesses in the area do have signs placed above the parapet in a similar manner, therefore this would not be setting a precedence.

Staff finds the proposal to be compatible with surrounding land uses and recommended approval with stipulations. MS. LIBURD read the stipulations aloud for the commissioners.

PATRICK STRATMAN, APPLICANT stated he was excited to be able to have signage for his business, reiterating the east and south sides as the sign's locations.

CHAIR WEIGHT opened the floor for discussion.

COMMISSIONER BILSTEN stated he appreciated the reinvesting into one's business, stating that a quality sign would add quality to the area.

COMMISSIONER KRAUSMAN agreed, stating that she appreciated the Applicant "sticking it out" in the Downtown area.

CHAIR WEIGHT stated he liked the signs placed higher, especially for a place called "Aire," stating the signs were well done in this instance.

Action Agenda Item No. 5 Motion and Vote

COMMISSIONER BILSTEN motion to approve Action Agenda Item 5, seconded by COMMISSIONER FINBRAATEN.

Action Agenda Item No. 6 and Discussion

6. Architectural Plan Review, Nasty Habit CONTINUANCE

Move Historic Preservation Commission continue Architectural Plan Review, PLH26-0010 Nasty Habit, allowing exterior renovations to an existing building for the development of a new bar located at 128 W Boston Street, generally located west of the northwest corner of Arizona Avenue and Boston Street as requested by the applicant.

MS. LIBURD noted that the Applicant for this case requested a continuance to continue to work on the elevations for the proposed bar.

PATRICK STRATMAN, APPLICANT stated that he would like more time to work with staff on creating something that will appeal to all parties and apologized for the late continuance.

CHAIR WEIGHT acknowledged the project will be re-advertised when ready.

COMMISSIONER BILSTEN commended the applicant for doing the continuance to get the project right.

Action Agenda Item No. 6 Motion and Vote

COMMISSIONER BILSTEN motion to approve Action Agenda Item 5, seconded by COMMISSIONER KRAUSMAN.

Item was passed unanimously (5-0)

Member Comments/Announcements

CHAIR WEIGHT mentioned an event for the Commissioners to attend as a training opportunity, located in Mesa.

COMMISSIONER FINBRAATEN stated she has done the training before and stated that it was a great opportunity.

MR. DE LA TORRE reported that the application for the Certified Local Government remains at the Federal Government Level and awaits approval.

CHAIR WEIGHT acknowledged former COMMISSIONER MARK YOST for his service and contributions to the Historic Preservation Commission as he has chosen to step down at this time.

Calendar

The next Regular Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission will be scheduled as needed.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Kevin Weight, Chair



David de la Torre, Staff Liaison for City Center District
Matters and Reviews