

Historical Commission Minutes

City of Foley Council Chambers
407 E. Laurel Ave., Foley, Alabama

February 3, 2026

1:00 p.m.

I. Call to order

Chairman JaNay Dawson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. Roll call

Members present were: Tyler Higginbotham, JaNay Dawson, Kathie LeDrew, Kim Ward and Bill Swanson. Absent members were: Chad Watkins and Jerry Morrison. Staff present were: Nathan Smith, Building Inspector; Nelson Bauer, Infrastructure and Development Program Manager, Eden Lapham, Planner 1; Amanda Cole, Planning and Zoning Assistant and Melissa Ringler, Recording Secretary.

III. Approval of Minutes

- Approve January 6, 2026 minutes as published

Commissioner LeDrew made a motion to approve the January 6, 2026 meeting minutes. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to approve the January 6, 2026 meeting minutes passes.

IV. New Business

- Richard Henderson
Saint Paul Lutheran Church
400 N. Alston St.
National & Local District-Contributing
- a. Request to replace and paint gable siding, clean and paint rooftop duct, replace parapet wall cap

Mr. Nathan Smith explained the request is to replace and paint the gable siding, clean and paint the rooftop duct and replace the parapet wall cap. He stated due to the replacement materials not being the same an approval from the Commission is required.

A representative from the Church stated the existing boards of the gable are falling apart. He explained they are requesting to replace the boards with a concrete board material. He stated the concrete will last longer, is a better quality with the same look. He explained they are trying to make improvements and resolve a roof leak where the gable and wall meet.

Mr. Smith stated there is some degrading and rot where the gable and roof meet. He explained the gable is facing the alley. He explained they will be replacing the parapet wall cap with a better aluminum material not easily corrodible. He stated they will also be cleaning and painting the HVAC duct. He explained the gable paint will be Sherwin Williams's and matches the existing paint colors as close as possible.

Chairman Dawson asked if the paint colors are from the historical color palette.

Mr. Smith stated the contractor took a piece of material with the existing paint color and had it color matched. He stated he is unsure if it is a historical color but it does match what is already on the building.

Commissioner Swanson asked if the duct work would be painted.

Mr. Smith stated they are planning to pressure wash and repaint the duct.

The church representative stated they will be pressure washing and repainting the duct with a coating.

Commissioner Ward made a motion to approve the requested certificate of appropriateness. Commissioner Higginbotham seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to approve the requested certificate of appropriateness passes.

V. Monthly Discussion

Mr. Nelson Bauer stated an email was sent to the Commissioners inviting them to a design charrette. He stated the charrette is being done to create consistency and to develop a City of Foley Pattern Book.

Chairman Dawson stated the Commission was provided an affidavit and checklist at last month's meeting. She explained she would like the item to be on next month's agenda for the Commission to vote on. She stated if anyone has any suggestions of changes or comments to please email them to staff before the next meeting. She explained once the items are voted on she would like to see them added to the application process and be provided to the Commissioners in their monthly packets.

VI. Adjournment

Commissioner Higginbotham made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m. passes.