



HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD
draft Meeting Notes of August 18, 2026

Members present: Kirsten Solberg, James Manning, Aurelia Rohrbacker, and Jim Edward
Members Absent: John Steele, BreAnn Borgaard, and Dan Saltee,
Public: Nick and Whitey Harvick
Staff present: Lynn Schroder, Management Analyst and Aaron Gudelj, Associate Planner

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The meeting [video](#) is available.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Solberg called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Management Analyst Schroder called the role.

2. Public Comment: Non-Agenda items

None.

3. Public Hearing (Quasi-Judicial): [HDR-26-01, a Class 2 Design Review at 1891 4th Ave](#)

Chair Solberg introduced application HDR-26-01, Class II Historic Design Review to add 984 square feet to a "Not in Period" existing single-family residence within the Willamette Historic District. Solberg provided an overview of the hearing process and opened the public hearing.

Associate Planner Aaron Gudelj addressed legal standards and appeal rights. The substantive criteria for the application are Community Development Code (CDC) Chapter 25 Overlay Zones – Historic District Chapter 99 Procedures for Decision Making: Quasi-Judicial. Gudelj addressed the HRB Members' conflicts of interest, bias, ex-parte contacts, and site visits. Member Edwards noted that he was using Keith Able, the architect for this application, for a project at his home. He declared that he has not discussed this application and he could remain unbiased in this application. Board members agreed that he could participate in the decision. Gudel then invited audience members to raise any objections regarding the HRB's jurisdiction or any potential biases or ex-parte disclosures by the Members. There was none.

Gudelj delivered the staff report. The applicant has requested approval for a 924 sq. ft. addition to an existing "Not in Period" single family residence within the Willamette Historic District. The single-family residence, originally built in 1986, is zoned R-10 Residential. New windows, siding, gutters, and doors will match existing architecture.

The applicants, Nick and Whitney Harvick, presented their proposal. Composite decking materials will be used for the proposed deck.

No members of the public provided testimony on the proposal.

Chair Solberg closed the public hearing and open deliberations. Members deliberated.

Member Manning moved to approve HDR-26-01 as presented and directed staff to prepare a Final Decision and Order based on the findings in the staff report and the record. Chair Solberg seconded. **Ayes: Solberg, Rohrbacker, Edwards, and Manning. Nays: Steele. Abstain: None. The motion passed 4-0-0**

4. Items Of Interest - Board Members

Chair Solberg noted that, in addition to her work on the West Linn Historic Review Board, she also serves with the Advocates for Willamette Falls Heritage. The Advocates are involved in efforts to preserve several historic mill buildings on Moore Island, some dating back as early as 1888. They are working with a professional renderer to develop a vision that integrates preservation of selected historic structures with the site plan published by the Willamette Falls Trust. The Advocates remain in regular communication with the Trust. When the rendering is complete, it will be shared with the HRB, the City, and the Willamette Falls Trust.

5. Staff Announcements

Consideration of the updated Bolton School National Register nomination was moved to the September HRB meeting. Schroder asked for feedback on the September meeting day. The next HRB meeting will be on September 9, 2026 at 6:00pm in the Bolton Room at City Hall.

6. Adjourn

Chair Solberg adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:40pm.