



MEETING

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

6:30 PM

Community Auditorium Conference Room
1915 Main Street

HISTORIC LANDMARKS BOARD

Tim Orr, Chair

George Cushing, Secretary
Jennifer Brent, Vice Chair
Brad Richards
Natasha Triplitt

Kevin Ezell
Bryan Pohl, Community Development
Director
Matt Johnson, Staff Liaison
Angel Falconer, Council Liaison

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A. Call to Order

1. Roll Call

B. Public Comment: Anyone wishing to speak on an item not on the agenda may be heard at this time. In the interest of time, please limit comments to three minutes or less.

1. Written Public Comment

C. Action Items/Discussion:

1. Action: Review and Adopt January 27, 2026 Meeting Minutes
2. Action: Nomination for the Eric Stewart Award
3. Discussion: Update on Historic Downtown Standards & Guidelines

D. New Business

1. Council Communications

2. Friends of Historic FG Communications
3. CCE Board Communications (Heather Finnigan)
4. Staff Communications (Matt Johnson)
5. Board Member Communications (All)

E. Adjournment

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**Historic Landmarks Board
Meeting Minutes
Community Auditorium Conference Room
1915 Main Street, Forest Grove, OR
January 27, 2026 - 6:30 pm**

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Brent called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Historic Landmark Board Members Present: Chair Jennifer Brent, George Cushing (6:35), Vice Chair Neil Poulsen, Tim Orr, Brad Richards, & Kevin Ezell

Staff Present: Matt Johnson, Senior Planner

Friends of Historic Forest Grove Representative Present: Tim Orr

B. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Member Neil Poulsen commented that this would be his last meeting as a member of the Board.

C. ACTION ITEMS/ PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Review and Adopt September 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Member Cushing made a motion, seconded by Member Ezell, to approve the September 23, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

2. ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Member Poulsen made a motion to nominate Member Orr as the Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

Member Orr made a motion to nominate Chair Brent as Vice Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Brent nominated Secretary Cushing as Secretary. The motion passed unanimously.

3. ADOPT 2026 WORKPLAN

Staff discussed the proposed workplan, consistent with the City's adopted preservation plan. Mary Jo Morelli suggested items to help with online resources, including publishing the brochures online, and interactive brochures. Discussion ensued regarding examples of how interactive maps could be made available to reach a greater audience than continuing with printing paper handouts.

4. MAIN STREET 101 PRESENTATION

Staff stated the presentation is postponed.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Council Communications

Councilor Falconer described several upcoming meetings at Pacific University and City Auditorium and invited the HLB to attend. Councilor Falconer gave a recap of the Council's recent work sessions and Council Meetings. Discussion followed.

2. Friends of Historic Forest Grove Communications:

Mary Jo Morelli debriefed the Board of the new liaison, Tim Orr. She stated new bylaws were created for the Friends and continued to describe the role of the Friends. She described future events and encouraged the Board to attend and mentioned new improvements to the AT Smith property. Discussion continued regarding potential grants for historic improvements.

3. CCE Board Communications:

Mrs. Finnigan described her tenure on the CCE, and gave a recap of the open house held in October. She stated the desire to continue to find ways to engage different generations of the City's population. Chair Brent stated the desire to coordinate engagement for the implementation of the downtown standards and guidelines. Mrs. Finnigan mentioned in addition to CCE, The City Club could be interested in coordinating outreach efforts during the summer. Discussion followed.

4. Staff Communications:

Staff said the historic brochures would be printed by the next meeting, and that the remaining Spanish brochures would be made the following year during the 2027 grant cycle.

Staff described the project timeline for the historic standards and guidelines. Discussion followed.

Staff introduced Kim Ezell, Assistant City Manager.

D. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Eric Stewart Award Recipients

- 1996 Eric Stewart (posthumously)
- 1997 Gladys Haynes
- 1998 Mary Jo Morelli
- 1999 Friends of Historic Forest Grove
- 2000 Edwin Dey
- 2001 Bob McKee, Evergreen Pacific Construction, and Dale Mitcheltree
- 2002 Michelle Dennis
- 2003 Rick Read (posthumously)
- 2004 A. T. Smith House Committee
- 2005 Bill Drew
- 2006 Monty Smith
- 2007 No Award
- 2008 Mike and Brian McMenemy
- 2009 Kimberli Fitzgerald
- 2010 Committee for the Preservation of the A. T. Smith Property (Mary Jo Morelli-Chair; Tom Carlson, Grant Davis, Barry Wilson, Marie Mather)
- 2011 Ruth and Bob Holznagel
- 2012 Ismoon Hunter-Morton
- 2013 Forest Grove City Council
- 2014 James Reitz
- 2015 Neil Poulsen
- 2016 Allen and Valerie Warren
- 2017 Roman Ozeruga Special Award to Richard Kidd
- 2018 Cindy and Scott Kistler
- 2019 Pacific University and Architectural Resources Group
- 2020 No Award (Covid)
- 2021 No Award (Covid)
- 2022 Holly Tsur, former board chair
- 2023 Friends of Historic Forest Grove – plaquing committee
- 2024 American Legion Hall
- 2025 Elena Uhing