



City of Pensacola

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

MINUTES

City of Pensacola
222 W. Main Street
Pensacola, FL
32502

July 17, 2025

2:00 PM

Hagler-Mason Conference Room,
2nd Floor

CALL TO ORDER / QUORUM

Members Present: George R Mead II, Scott Fisher, David Del Gallo,
Lou Courtney

Members Absent: William Brantley, Yuri Ramos, Jordan Yee,

Also Present: Historic Preservation Planner Walker, Assistant
Planning & Zoning Division Manager Harding, Ross
Pristera, Tracy Goodson, Jason Mosley, Scott Dean,
Angelia Miller

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 25-948 APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 26, 2025, ARB MINUTES.

Board Member Del Gallo made a motion to approve the June 26, 2025, ARB minutes. Board Member Fisher seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0 with three board members absent.

OPEN FORUM

NEW BUSINESS

2. 25-949 121 S. PALAFOX STREET
PALAFOX HISTORIC BUSINESS DISTRICT / ZONE C-2A / CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT 6
EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS AT A NON-CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE

Scott Dean is seeking final approval for alterations to the front and rear facades, including a new stucco system with tile accents, aluminum canopies on the front, shutters on the rear, new aluminum storefront systems for the front and rear, and

exterior lighting. The application includes conceptual review for rear parking lot improvements, including a trash enclosure, patio gate, planting beds, electric car charging station, powder-coated aluminum fence, and an entrance portal from Intendencia Street. This project received conceptual approval for facade changes at the May 2025 ARB meeting.

Scott Dean presented to the board. Mr. Dean noted that he would prefer final approval for the improvements to the rear parking lot as well. Historic Preservation Planner Walker clarified that the parking lot improvements were included in the conceptual approval from May 2025, but additional information is required for final review, such as more details about the car charging stations. Vice Chair Mead noted the improvements met the board's recommendations and there were no issues with the site plan.

Board Member Del Gallo made a motion to approve the application as submitted. Board Member Fisher seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0 with three board members absent.

3. 25-950 524 W. ROMANA STREET
URBAN CORE CRA / ZONE C-3 / CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 7
HISTORIC STRUCTURE DEMOLITION APPLICATION

Per the City of Pensacola's Historic Building Demolition Review Ordinance, the referenced structure has been found to be potentially significant because the building embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction and has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in national, regional, or local history. Per the ordinance, the Board is tasked with determining whether or not this structure meets the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. If eligible and deemed historically significant by those criteria, the Board must also determine if the building is subject to a demolition delay of no more than 60 days. To determine that a historically significant building is subject to a demolition delay, the Board must find that in the interest of the public it is preferable that the building be preserved or rehabilitated rather than demolished.

The applicant did not attend the meeting, which is not required per the code. Vice Chair Mead noted the structure is a fairly typical cottage for west Pensacola. Advisor Pristera noted that the Governmental Center District was surveyed in 2017 with a number of houses that were original to the neighborhood, including the structure in question. The earliest mention of the house was on April 24, 1907, when the owner passed away, but there are earlier newspaper articles about that part of town being developed. The property was a rental property and the neighborhood began to form after the early 1900s. There are not many remaining structures that are original to the area that is drastically changing. Advisor Pristera noted a full board discussion is important to highlight that there will be one less historic building in that area and residents are concerned with the changes to the

neighborhood. The architecture and being an example of how the neighborhood developed lend to its significance. Vice Chair Mead noted concern that it may be the last of its kind in the area, but there are remaining examples across the street. Vice Chair Mead noted that if a structure with any character hasn't been demonstrated to be not salvageable, then maybe it should be salvaged. Vice Chair Mead was inclined to impose the delay. Board Member Del Gallo shared his stance of being against the demolition of historic structures, but restoration takes effort and financial commitment. Board Member Del Gallo asked if a delay of less than 60 days would be appropriate. Vice Chair Mead noted the lack of details to make any findings without knowing the condition. Board Member Fisher noted agreement with Board Member Del Gallo to shorten the delay.

Board Member Del Gallo made a motion to postpone demolition to a 30-day period. Board Member Fisher seconded the motion.

Angelia Miller spoke as a member of the public. Ms. Miller recently moved back to Pensacola and purchased a home at 411 E. Intendencia Street. Ms. Miller shared the process of restoring her home and noted that the structure in question could be saved from demolition. Vice Chair Mead asked Ms. Miller if she knows of anyone who may be interested in investing or moving the structure in question. Ms. Miller answered yes, and she would be interested in assisting with the process. Board Member Fisher thanked Ms. Miller for attending and sharing her insights.

Board Member Del Gallo modified his motion to postpone the demolition for 60 days. Board Member Fisher seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0 with three board members absent.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Mead made a request to add two discussion items for the next meeting. Vice Chair Mead noted the board's jurisdiction over the Palafox Historic Business District, that parking has historically been present on Palafox Street, and the potential for the board to discuss the proposed improvement plans for Palafox to provide comments and recommendations. Vice Chair Mead invited pertinent city staff to present to the board. Assistant Planning and Zoning Division Manager Harding answered that staff could take this request to administration, but it may not be feasible since the city right of way is not under the board's purview. The board could discuss the topic but Planning and Zoning staff don't have the authority or knowledge base to talk about the project. Secondly, Vice Chair Mead asked for a discussion on the Hollice T. Williams Stormwater Park project as it is close to North Hill and Old East Hill preservation districts. Vice Chair Mead noted the interstate spur cuts through the street grid in a major way and has a significant impact on the urban character of the surrounding area and that the proposed plans propose to further cut through the remaining elements on the street grid. Vice Chair Mead noted the proposed plans could impact the surrounding historic districts and could cause further damage to the street grid and urban character. Historic Preservation

Planner Walker noted that the park is outside the board's jurisdiction and is not a Planning and Zoning project, so discussion with a different city department would be more appropriate. Similar to the Palafox improvements, the request would be sent through the proper chain of command.