Mobile Historic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2026
Richards-DAR House Museum
256 N Joachim Street
5:30 P.M.

Call to Order
President Alison Henry called the meeting to order.

Present:
Jaime Betbeze, Peters Drey, Virginia Eddington, Jessica Fairley, Ann Forbes, Alison Henry, Joan Hoffman, Tim Maness, Ivy Thompson, and John Ruzic

Absent:
Stephen McNair, Virginia Behlen, and Jean Dodge

City Staff:
Kimberly Branch-Thomas and Meredith Wilson

Approval of Minutes:
The March and April meeting minutes were presented. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:
The Treasurer's report was presented on behalf of Virginia. The General Account remains at approximately $100. The Eastman Account balance is approximately $2,958, with approximately $30,000 held in a certificate of deposit. Members discussed recent Square deposits and account balances.

Old Business

1. **Historic Preservation Month Activities**
   Ms. Henry reported on the upcoming Magnolia Cemetery stone-cleaning workshop and outlined preservation planning for the Church Street Graveyard, including wall surveys, archaeological coordination, and future fundraising.

New Business

2. **Banner & Shield Applications for June 2026**
   The Commission reviewed the automated application/payment process, updated pricing, application eligibility, and current applications. Refunds were recommended for applicants whose properties do not presently meet program standards.

The June 1 Banner and Shield Ceremony at Bragg-Mitchell Mansion was announced, and Alison Henry presented the slate of awardees.. The committee discussed purchasing 100 new shields to replenish inventory and reviewed projected program finances.

The Committee voted unanimously to approve the slate of Banner and Shield recipients as presented by President Alison Henry.

The motion to approve the purchase of 100 new shields with a UV coating was approved unanimously.

There being no additional business, the meeting was concluded at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tim Maness, Secretary