

NASHUA HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Monday, April 27, 2026, 6:00 p.m., City Hall, Room 208

HDC Members:

Ald. Trish Klee
Robert Vorbach
Lisa Law
Paige Hultman
Michelle Earnest

Also present:

Carter Falk, Deputy Planning Manager/Zoning

MINUTES:

March 9, 2026:

MOTION by Mr. Vorbach to approve the minutes as presented, waive the reading, and place the minutes in the file.

SECONDED by Ald. Klee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0 BY VERBAL ROLL CALL OF THE MEMBERS.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Hutz, Incl (Owner) Tyler Hall (Applicant) 31-37 Railroad Square (Sheet 43 Lot 33) requesting approval to erect a non-illuminated wall sign. D-1/MU Zone, Ward 3.**

Voting on this case:

Ald. Trish Klee
Robert Vorbach
Lisa Law
Chris Barrett
Michelle Earnest

Tyler Hall, 19 Lisbon Lane, Nashua, NH. Mr. Hall said that he's been a tattoo artist for fifteen years, and he and his wife are opening up the shop. He said that the previous business in this space was also a tattoo shop, operating there for fifteen years, it changed hands a couple times, and are requesting a wall sign in the same location where there was a sign before. He said that gooseneck

lighting exists on the wall currently, and they'll use those. He said that the sign is non-illuminated, it will be a hand-painted sign, and will have a lot of respect towards tradition, in the style of the tattooing they do, it would have gold-leaf painting.

Ms. Earnest asked to confirm the colors of the sign.

Mr. Hall said it would be red background, with white lettering, with a black drop-shadow, and gold leaf.

Mrs. Law asked if all the signs on the building are black with gold lettering, or are they all different colors.

Mr. Hall said that the only sign there right now is the Riverview Café, which has black and gold. He said that the other signs are the ones down by the hotel.

Ms. Earnest said that the other signs have a black background, and gold lettering.

Mrs. Law said it's that way across the street, too.

Mr. Hall said that he can certainly change the background to black.

Ms. Earnest said it would look more in character with the other signs.

Mr. Hall agreed.

Ald. Klee asked if he would do the outline of the letters in red, or in gold, right now it's black.

Mr. Hall said he'd do the inverse, a white letter with a red drop-shadow, and then where it's yellow on the drawing, it will be gold leaf.

Mr. Vorbach said his only comment is contextual, it's not architectural, but it's visual.

Ms. Earnest said it would blend in a little nicer with the other signs.

SPEAKING IN FAVOR:

No one.

SPEAKING IN OPPOSITION OR WITH QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS:

No one.

END OF PUBLIC HEARING, BEGINNING OF PUBLIC MEETING:

MOTION by Ald. Klee to approve the sign, as discussed among the Commissioners, with a black background, where the orange color shown in the design would be gold leaf, and that the black shadowing would be red, and the lighting will be the existing goosenecks as is.

SECONDED BY Mrs. Law.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0

Mr. Falk said that the applicant can work with City staff to obtain the sign permit.

Mr. Vorbach said that he appreciates that the sign would be hand-crafted.

Mr. Hall said that he has a traditional mindset, and is a supporter of small business as opposed to a grander scheme.

Mr. Falk said that the owner of the property put up his own sign, without any approvals or permits, in the exact space as Mr. Hall proposed his sign. He said that Code Enforcement went out there and had him remove that sign.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Falk said that he will not be attending the next meeting on May 18, so someone else from Planning staff will attend.

Ald. Klee said that in the future, her package can be placed in the Legislative Office instead of being mailed to her.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Mr. Vorbach at 6:14 p.m.

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