



AMHERST HISTORICAL DISTRICT DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Members Present:

Jim Yorks
John Rush
Matt Nahorn
Becky Harmych
Bill Swanzer
Dave Fox

Members Absent:

The meeting of April 16, 2026, was called to order at 5:31pm by Mr. Nahorn.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Yorks made the motion to accept the minutes of the February 19, 2026 meeting with a second by Ms. Harmych. *Motion carried with a voice vote of 5-0. (Mr. Swanzer was not present at vote).*

Applicants for Review:

1. Ms. Joceline Torres Suarez – Fridas Taqueria - 249 Church St.

Ms. Suarez presented before the board requesting approval to paint the lower front exterior of the building and replace the awning to include a new logo. She stated the bricked upper portion of the building would remain the same, adding colored columns and flowers only to the lower portion.

Mr. Yorks explained that the Design Review Board was in place to keep the historic building exteriors somewhat "historic". He recommended decals replicating the painted flowers be placed on the inside of the windows for potentially the same look with the awning color to match.

Mr. Nahorn agreed with Mr. Yorks. Mr. Rush asked about the awning color, whether it would be solid or striped (pictures showed each). Ms. Suarez indicated it would be a solid with the logo. There were no other comments.

Since there was no sample of the awning color, and with the painted flowers not conforming with the historic guidelines Ms. Harmych made the motion that the

application be tabled. A second was made by Mr. Yorks. *Motion carried with a voice vote of 6-0.*

Ms. Suarez agreed to come back before the board with samples and decal designs.

2. Mr. Paul Bires - 103 Milan Ave., Suite 5

Mr. Bires presented before the Board requesting approval for windows, doors, and signage for a new business. Per the application submitted Mr. Bires explained the location placement of the signage. Mr. Yorks has no issues with the signage/placement; but did make recommendation for backer on the metal sign for more stability. Mr. Bires agreed.

Mr. Yorks asked about the door replacements and made recommendation that aluminum commercial store front anodized (preferably bronze) doors be used. He recommended thermally broken insulated tempered glass to prevent sweating. Mr. Bires agreed.

Mr. Fox made the motion to accept the application as submitted with a second by Ms. Harmych. *Motion carried with a voice vote of 6-0.*

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Next meeting date: Thursday May 21, 2026 at 5:30 pm.

Mr. Yorks made the motion to adjourn with a second by Ms Harmych. *Motion carried with a voice vote of 6-0.*

The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.



Matt Nahorn - Chair



Jami Anderson - Secretary