AMHERST HISTORICAL DISTRICT DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Members Present:
Jim Yorks
John Rush
Matt Nahorn
Becky Harmych
Dave Fox

Members Absent:
Bill Swanzer

The meeting of May 21, 2026, was called to order at 5:35pm by Mr. Nahorn.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Yorks made the motion to accept the minutes of the April 16, 2026 meeting with a second by Mr. Rush. *Motion carried with a voice vote of 5-0.*

Applicants for Review:

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

   Ms. Suarez presented before the board requesting approval for the adjustments made to her previously submitted application of April 16, 2026. She has changed the color scheme to a more subtle "pistachio green" color on the front of the building for a more cohesive look with the awning and logo. The sign on the side of the building will be an LED illuminated sign.

   Mr. Yorks asked if the side signage would be internally illuminated or just backlit. Ms. Suarez wasn't sure. Mr. Yorks recommended backlit only due to cost and overall appearance.

   Mr. Yorks ask if she had chosen the color of the awning – he had met with her after the April DRB appearance to explain and help answer questions – to which she reported that she had decided to go with the color that they had spoken about.

   Mr. Yorks made the recommendation to outline the awning word "Frieda" in black, and possibly add a black stitching along the bottom to pull together the black in the wording.

   There were no other comments or questions.

Mr. Nahorn made the motion to approve the application as submitted with a second by Ms. Harmych. *Motion carried with a voice vote of 5-0.*

Old Business: None

New Business: A motion was made by Mr. Rush to change the meeting time from 5:30 to 6:00. It was seconded by Ms. Harmych. *Motion carried with a voice vote of 5–0.*

Next meeting date: Thursday June 18, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Nahorn made the motion to adjourn with a second by Mr. Rush. *Motion carried with a voice vote of 5–0.*

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Matt Nahorn – Chair

Jami Anderson - Secretary