



Mayor Joshua Garcia

Office of Planning & Economic Development

City of Holyoke

Local Historic District Commission

February 20th - LHD Commission Meeting

Present: Lauren Niles, Stephen Fay, Katie Hopkinson, Matteo Riondato. Absent: Beth Gosselin

Call to order: 5:37 p.m.

December minutes were approved unanimously

New Business:

- Matteo raised a discussion about the noticeable decline in the number of Certificates of Appropriateness (COAs) being submitted.
- They questioned whether people are simply not doing work or not submitting applications.
- Lauren responded that high interest rates may be deterring homeowners from pulling equity to fund projects. Additionally, she noted it's winter, a season where exterior work—typically requiring COAs—is less common.
- Others agreed that this reasoning made sense, particularly due to winter and frozen ground conditions.

Old Business

- Reach back out to resident about Wykoff Park local historic district interest.

Next meeting, March 27, 2025

Meeting adjourned 5:42 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Gosselin

Sincerely,

Lauren Niles, Chairperson – Local Historic District Commission