TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Black Mountain Historic Preservation Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in Town Hall at 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, North Carolina.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at p.m. with the following members present:

Chris Zajac, Chair
Lardner Moore, Jr, Vice Chair
Debra Norman

Absent:

Melinda Hester
Elizabeth Swann

Staff:

Jennifer Tipton, Senior Admin
Russell Cate, Planner I/Zoning Administrator

The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. and because there were no agenda items, the Commission discussed several items.

1. The mural at 100 W State Street is not considered a sign and does not need a permit and based on the guidelines, that can be approved by staff. The Commission would like to look at this and consider making some amendments.

2. Chris Zajac spoke about the training he attended in Waynesville and some of the ideas presented were having a meeting with the local realtors about disclosing the significance of a historic building and that there are guidelines to follow, having a partnership with the Chamber, and outreach to the elementary schools.

3. Russell Cate said that he will begin the application for the Main Street program next month and will probably be coming to the Commission for input.

4. Debra Norman suggested making an application for the signs that are in the right-of-way and charging them as a way to make some revenue. Mr. Cate explained that there is a plan in place to fine the sign holders and that staff is so busy, it is hard to get time to pick up the illegal signs. Ms. Norman suggested making a volunteer committee that could help

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Chris Zajac, Chair

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