

**Rome-Floyd Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Location:** City Hall—Commission Chambers

**Date:** Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026

**Time:** 2:30 PM

**PLEASE REFER TO THE VIDEO RECORDING FOR FULL DETAIL OF THE MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Convened:** 2:32 pm

**Determination of Quorum** (4 of 7 needed)

P – Present A – Absent	MEMBER	Notes	P	STAFF
P	Paula Blalock		P	Frank Beacham - City Atty
P	Logan Boss		P	Doug Walker, City of Rome
P	Tayesha Lytle		P	James Martin – Building Official
P	Sam Moss	Chair	P	Meredith Ulmer – Asst City Manager
P	Caleigh Schroeder	Vice Chair	P	Jill Fisher – City Commissioner
P	Julie Waguespack		P	Brice Wood - Planning Director
P	Monica Sheppard		P	Samantha Bishop – Senior Planner
			P	Jenni Harper – Planning Technician

**Public (from the sign-in sheet):**

WLA Studio, Anders & Jennifer, Don Rusan

**Welcome and Introduction of Visitors**

Chair Moss welcomed the public to the meeting and requested that all visitors sign in.

**Electing a New Chair and Vice Chair**

Boss motioned to nominate Sam Moss as Chairperson, which was seconded by Sheppard. Moss made a motion to nominate Caleigh Schroeder as Vice Chairperson, which was seconded by Sheppard. The nominations were approved and the motions passed, 7-0.

**Vote to nominate Sam Moss as Chairperson:**

	MEMBER		MEMBER
	M – Motion S – Second		Y- for N- against AB – Abstained
	Paula Blalock	Y	Sam Moss
M	Logan Boss	Y	Caleigh Schroeder
S	Monica Sheppard	Y	Julie Waguespack
Y	Tayesha Lytle		

**Vote to nominate Caleigh Schroeder as Vice Chairperson:**

	<b>MEMBER</b>		<b>MEMBER</b>
	<b>M</b> – Motion <b>S</b> – Second		<b>Y</b> - for <b>N</b> - against <b>AB</b> – Abstained
<b>Y</b>	Paula Blalock	<b>M</b>	Sam Moss
<b>Y</b>	Logan Boss	<b>Y</b>	Caleigh Schroeder
<b>S</b>	Monica Sheppard	<b>Y</b>	Julie Waguespack
<b>Y</b>	Tayesha Lytle		

**Approval of December 2025 Agenda**

Staff requested to modify the agenda to remove the “North” from the “WLA Presentation for North Rome Re-districting Survey.”

Sheppard made a motion to approve the amended agenda, which was seconded by Lytle.

The agenda was approved 7-0.

**Approval of Minutes from December 2025**

Blalock made a motion to approve the minutes from the December meeting, which was seconded by Boss.

The motion was approved 7-0.

**COA 841-915 Darlington Way, East Rome Historic District**

Senior Planner Bishop presented the staff report and the application.

Chair Moss opened the public hearing.

Don Rusan was present to speak in favor of the application and answer questions.

No one was present to speak in opposition.

Chair Moss closed the public hearing and opened discussion among the members.

Sheppard made a motion to approve the request, which was seconded by Schroeder.

The motion passed, 5-2.

	<b>MEMBER</b>		<b>MEMBER</b>
	<b>M</b> – Motion <b>S</b> – Second		<b>Y</b> - for <b>N</b> - against <b>AB</b> – Abstained
<b>Y</b>	Paula Blalock	<b>Y</b>	Sam Moss
<b>N</b>	Logan Boss	<b>S</b>	Caleigh Schroeder
<b>M</b>	Monica Sheppard	<b>N</b>	Julie Waguespack
<b>Y</b>	Tayesha Lytle		

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:**

Anders, from WLA Studio, conducted a presentation for the Rome Re-districting Survey.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Blalock made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Moss.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm by common consent.

Next Public meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission: The next regular monthly meeting will be Wednesday, **February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, at 2:30 pm, in the Commission Chambers in City Hall, 601 Broad Street.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

[https://www.rome.ga.us/DocumentCenter/View/4272/841-26\\_Darlington-Way](https://www.rome.ga.us/DocumentCenter/View/4272/841-26_Darlington-Way)