

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
FOR THE CITY OF HOSCHTON
THURSDAY, June 4, 2026, AT 3:00 PM
HOSCHTON COMMUNITY CENTER
65 CITY SQUARE STREET HOSCHTON



Minutes

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER - 3:01 by Hunter

AGENDA APPROVAL - Motion moved by Cohen; seconded by Blankenship

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 2, 2026, Motion moved by Lott; seconded by Cohen

BUSINESS ITEMS

- Spring Festival Report

Received approximately \$20-30 in donations. Amount to be confirmed by DDA Treasurer. HPC has a separate line item on the DDA account. Generated interest from a couple of local families. One family promised to bring in an old family Bible; another family promised to send photos to Cohen.

- Officers

Chair: Sue Youngblood
Co-Chair: Bill Lott
Secretary: Christine Cohen

- Funding Possibilities

Fall Fest (Fri, 10/2 – Sun, 10/4/2026) & Jingle Mingle (Sat, 11/21/2026), promoting the history of Hoschton. **Members were asked to develop ideas for promoting the HPC** during upcoming festivals. **Booth volunteers needed.** Jingle Mingle will include Santa, a tree lighting and participation from The 1898. *Note:* Blankenship suggested a date change, but the event is already locked in for 2026.

Proposed a raffle for a print or a photo. **The committee needs to source raffle items.**

Proposed creating postcards featuring the Hoschton mural to sell/distribute at local businesses, including antique shops. **Youngblood to research postcard printing and costs.**

More input for fundraising and history promotion ideas are needed from committee members to promote the activities of the committee.

- Addressing goals for 2026

Briefly discussed 2026 and 2027 budget goals. These will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The Allen Clinic is currently experiencing internet issues, which are estimated to be resolved by the time a more definitive plan is in place, hopefully by November. Hunter sent a letter requesting a second floor back room (with one window) to house the HPC file cabinet, map cabinet and two-piece desk. This would allow future visitors to access archival materials and artifacts stored/protected in a temperature and humidity-controlled environment. A suggestion was made to include the HPC in future decisions regarding the Allen Clinic. Hunter suggested hiring an operations overseer in the future. Such oversight, such as a designated caterer, would safeguard and protect the property.

OTHER BUSINESS (As Needed)

Committee members should send history info and photos to Jessica Martin, DDA Chair, to post on the DDA Facebook page. *Contact:* jessica@puttersgolfcarts.com

The DDA has requested HPC presence and is providing a free table for all future Hoschton Art and Farmers & Markets in 2026 (the second Saturday of each month, 12-5 PM); the next one is Sat, 6/13/2026. **Volunteers are needed.**

The committee needs to locate the original stove and ticket window from The Depot, the only other known local site on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Corn Crib needs to be relocated. Proposed relocating it next to the outbuildings on Blankenship's property.

If other local historic buildings cannot be restored or kept in Hoschton, a suggestion was made to consider moving them to Hurricane Shoals Park.

The A.W. Thompson Bench (originally dedicated by Thompson's daughter to mark the location of The Hatchery) was moved. It was agreed that such historic items should not be relocated without historical research first.

Martin, DDA Chair, confirmed that a buyer has been secured for Larry's Garage, and the plan is to convert the site into retail and dining space. The front brick and arched windows will be preserved, though some structural parts must be demolished for safety reasons. A suggestion was made to ask the new owners of Larry's Garage to help fund the new mural facing their property. Jessica believes they will be highly interested.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 3:00pm

ADJOURN – 4:11 - Motion moved by Cohen; seconded by Lott

Attending:

Carol Tanner
Dot McAlvin
Diane Blankenship
Bill Lott
Christine Cohen
Sue Youngblood
Marsha Hunter

Jessica Martin, DDA Chair