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Fairhope Historic Preservation Commission,  
City Council, City of Fairhope, met at  
3:30 p.m., Fairhope Museum of History,  
24 North Section Street, Fairhope, Alabama 36532,  
on Wednesday, February 11, 2026.

Present were Chair Mara Hunter; Members: Amy Molyneux, Skip Jones, Dannie Mixon, Alan Samry, Susan Stein, Ginger Golson, Staff Liaison Erik Cortinas (Building Official), and City Clerk Lisa A. Hanks. Council Liaison Jay Robinson was absent.

There being a quorum present, Chair Hunter called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

Chair Hunter asked the Commissioners to review the January 14, 2026 meeting minutes. Commissioner Molyneux moved to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Golson, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The next item on the agenda was a History Day Recap. Chair Hunter said this was a phenomenal success. Commissioner Golson thanked everyone for their help. The Commission briefly discussed next year changes, remaining certificates, checks, and presentation at the City Council meeting.

Next year's date was discussed and January 14, 2027 through January 23, 2027 was suggested. Commissioner Molyneux moved to set the date for next year's History Day events from January 14, 2027 through January 23, 2027. Seconded by Commissioner Golson, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Chair Hunter said we need to involve the Friends of the Museum for catering and prizes, new Special Prize Category for a project regarding Fairhope; and another Special Prize Category for project regarding History Preservation. She said we will have a Presentation at the City Council meeting on March 9, 2026 to award checks to the winning students.

Christian Valley Missionary Baptist Church was mentioned for being over 102 years old; and needs an "Historic Marker."

Building Official Erik Cortinas gave an update on the Demolition Review Ordinance. He said the City Council introduced the Ordinance at the February 9, 2026 meeting; and it will be up for final adoption on February 19, 2026. Mr. Cortinas also gave an update on the CLG status; and said the City Council must approve.

Commissioner Mixon hit the highlights on his Demolition Review slide show. Chair Hunter stated the Demolition Review is for education, showcase property with pictures, address, history, and IEBC slides. Mr. Cortinas said we need to focus on the application process; and the IEBC slides will show definition, allowances, and limitations.

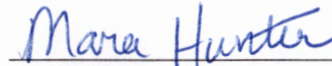
Chair Hunter said the Consultant Update was next on the agenda; and we need to clarify the scope of work: (1) Prepare a package and materials for the Fairhope Historic Preservation Commission to use; (2) Research local incentives to propose that are most effective for Fairhope; and (3) Prepare survey form. She said the Fairhope Historic Preservation Commission has the expertise and know how to certify historic homes and buildings.

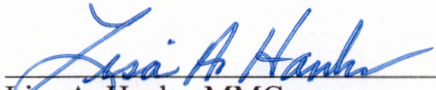
Mr. Cortinas commented we need incentives for Fairhope now, personalize these, and have a marketing package. Commissioner Jones also agreed that we need to research incentives for Fairhope. After further discussion, Commissioner Jones moved to adopt the Scope of Work as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Golson, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Samry mentioned the Kathy Donaldson 2006 survey; and said we need to recognize her

Commissioner Jones moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner M Molyneux, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

There being no further business to come before the Fairhope Historic Preservation Commission, the meeting was duly adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

  
Mara Hunter, Chair

  
Lisa A. Hanks, MMC  
City Clerk

# History Day City of Fairhope

February 6, 2026

## Essay:

1st place:

Quinn Roberts: Khrushchev secret speech

2nd place:

Evan Newburn (Tyler): Chinese land reform

3rd place tie:

Victoria Chambers: Romantic literature movement

Mary Higdon (Mimi): impact of WWII on Women's movement

## Individual Website:

1st Place

Emerson Chirinos Bardales: *Brown v Bd of Education*

2nd place tie:

Xinyue Pan: *Marbury v Madison*

Beau Underwood: Space Race

## Group documentary:

1st Place:

Cole Jones and Carson Luter: Grand Hotel

## Individual Exhibit:

1st Place:

Annora Haber: George Washington Carver

2nd Place:

Josie Hill- Scopes trial

3rd Place tie:

Sara Congleton: Jimmy Carter human rights

Maggie McQueen- Progressive Movement

***Junior Division Individual Exhibit-***

1st Place:

Louis Underwood: Henry Ford

**Group Exhibit:**

1st Place:

Ferris Hapworth and Devon Henken- Battle of Fort Blakeley

2nd Place:

Jordan Freeman, Nicole Rodriguez, Elizabeth Watson: Women reforming Fairhope

3rd Place:

Aly Bradley, Blakely Hendon, Khloe Cook, Bergen Unrath- Rosa Parks

Alexis Kelley, Ella Gray Lambert, Aysleigh Snow- The Grand Hotel

**Best of Show Junior Division:**

1st Place BoS (JD): Louis Underwood: Henry Ford

**Best of Show Senior Division:**

1st Place BoS (SD):

Cole Jones and Carson Luter: Grand Hotel

2nd Place BoS (SD):

Emerson Chirinos Bardales: *Brown v Bd of Education*

3rd Place BoS (SD):

Annora Haber: George Washington Carver