



**BARRIO LATINO COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING**

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, July 22, 2025  
**TIME:** 9:00 AM  
**LOCATION:** Old City Hall, 315 E. Kennedy Blvd, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Tampa, FL 33602

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Rich Simmons called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and gave instructions to petitioners regarding procedures at the Public Hearing.

**SILENT ROLL CALL** - Alexis Guzman completed the roll call.  
**Commissioners Present:** Rich Simmons, Susan Klaus Smith, Richard Cahill, and Chase Corley  
**Commissioners Arriving**  
**After Roll Call:** Vivian Salaga  
**Commissioners Absent:** Levy Nguyen and Roberto Torres  
**Staff Present:** Dennis Fernandez, Ron Vila, and Alexis Guzman

**INTRODUCTIONS** – Chair Simmons introduced himself. Commissioners present introduced themselves.

**READING OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 27, 2025** – By motion the minutes stand as read by unanimous consent.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Dennis Fernandez, Architectural Review & Historic Preservation Manager

- I have submitted the staff approvals for May and June 2025 into the record
- Tampa Bricks and Mortar Newsletter is now included in the packets and digitally at Tampa.gov.

**PRESERVATION IN PROGRESS:**

- A PowerPoint presentation on Historical Markers was given, featuring photos of various markers, including the newest one for Zion Cemetery. Examples were shown of the different groups who collaborated to place these markers, along with a map illustrating their locations and quantity. The presentation also covered the process of placing a marker, including key requirements. The restoration and replacement process for the Hillsborough County Historical Advisory Council was discussed, noting that the council may replace markers to update the wording. Newer markers with double-sided verbiage were displayed, and the timeline for this process was explained.





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