THE CITY OF
COLUMBUS
ANDREW J. GINTHER, MAYOR

DEPARTMENT OF
DEVELOPMENT

Meeting Minutes
East Franklinton Review Board

Location: 111 N. Front Street, 2nd Floor, Room 204
Date: July 22, 2026
Time: 3:00pm

Commissioners Present: *Fergus, Crawley, Schmidt, Sweeney*

Commissioners Absent: *Way, Benner, Hamilton*

Staff Present: *Lattimore, Kensler, Teba*

I. Call to Order (3:09pm)

- **Next Business Meeting:**
  Wednesday, August 12th, 2026 at 12:00pm (as-needed)
  111 N. Front Street, 3rd Floor, Rm 204
- **Next Hearing:**
  Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 3:00pm
  111 N. Front Street, 2nd Floor, Rm 204
- **Swear in Staff**
- **Introduction of Commissioners**
- **Overview of Hearing Format**
- **Public Forum**

II. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

DISCUSSION: N/A
MOTION: To approve the minutes of December 17, 2025
MOTION BY: Crawley/Sweeney (3-1-0) **APPROVED**. (Schmidt Abstained)

III. Conceptual Applications

1) **COA2600660**
610 W. Town St.
Grateful Development
Demolition, Change in Use, Exterior Building Modification
DISCUSSION:

Sweeney:
- Filling in the parking lot to the southwest is great as the development celebrates Town and Grubb streets.

Crawley:
- The project seems “bare bones” due to the targeting of low-income residents.
- The choice of not having retail space negatively affects the walkability/connectivity of the area.

- The project should include more active amenity space for the residents to encourage walkability.

Schmidt:

- Town street is a feeder into the neighborhood. The applicant is encouraged to activate the space along Town street with mixed-use opportunities.
- If the space is not utilized as mixed-use, better activation of the front façade is preferred. More delineated entrances from the street is preferred.
- Opportunities for murals/public art is encouraged.
- A barrier between the sidewalk and street with street trees is encouraged to create a more friendly walkable environment.

Fergus:

- Would encourage some sort of coffee shop or retail opportunity.

IV. Staff Approved Applications

The following applications were approved in the formal record:

2) **COA2400032**
411 W. Town Street
Five Eleven Corp (Owner)/Dave Perry (Applicant)
New Construction

3) **COA2600103**
401 W. Town Street
Gramercy Artiste LTD (Owner) / McKayla Weston (Applicant)
Maintenance

4) **COA2600234**
509 W. Rich Street
Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority
Signage

5) **COA2600658**
518 W. Walnut Street
Blake Compton (Applicant) / Walnut Street Franklinton Partners Holdings LLC (Owner)
Change of Use

V. Adjournment 3:56pm

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