
LANDMARKS COMMISSION

September 27, 2005

Minutes

Members Present: Pat Garren
 Steve Butman
 Robert McCathren
 Rick Weatherl
 Michael McClellan
 Pebbles Lee

Members Absent: Ruby Perez
 Scott Bishop
 Phil Miller

Staff Present: Larry Abrigg, AICP, Planner III, Historic Preservation Officer
 Dan Santee, Assistant City Attorney

Guests: Lydia Long Eddie Harrison
 Juan Reyes Pam Goble

Mr. Weatherl called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM, declared a quorum present, and read the opening statement.

Minutes of the August 30, 2005, meeting were submitted for approval. Mr. McClellan made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. McCathren seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 3: CA-0505, A public hearing to consider a request from Vletas Candy for a Certificate of Appropriateness to install signs at 1201 N. 1st Street

Mr. Abrigg gave the staff report and stated that staff would prefer to see smaller signs, if not smaller font. Staff is not opposed to signs on all facades. Pictures of all sides of the building were shown. Pictures of the “Abilene” sign on the passenger depot to the east were shown as an example of a smaller sign of similar type.

Mr. Weatherl opened the public hearing. Mr. Eddie Harrison of Fast Signs represented the owner and spoke about the need for the two additional signs. He stated the two existing “Chocolate” signs were helping business and they felt two additional signs would help even more. They offered to remove the Vletas sign on the north façade, but said it would be too expensive to change all four signs as recommended by staff.

Ms. Lee made a motion to add the new signs to the north and east facades. The motion did not include the removal of the existing sign on the north façade. Ms. Garren seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4: Discussion and possible vote to include 3425 S. 14th Street, home of the Abilene Woman's Club, as a high priority historic property and to be included in the Abilene Register of Historic Properties.

Mr. Abrigg explained the survey process and what it meant for a property to be added to the survey and be included on the Abilene Register of Historic Properties. To be added to the survey and to be placed on the Register does not restrict the property in any way. If the owner applies for a building permit and the exterior is to be changed or demolished, staff would take photographs but the demolition or changes would not have any review by Planning staff or the Landmarks Commission. This process just recognizes a property as being historic because of its age, architecture and/or history. PowerPoint slides were shown and a brief history of the property was given.

Ms. Garren made a motion to add the Woman's Club property to the survey as high priority and to place it on the Abilene Register of Historic Properties. Steve Butman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5: Discussion and possible vote to include 2074 N. 1st Street, former Coca Cola office and warehouse area, as a high priority historic property and to be included on the Abilene Register of Historic Properties.

Mr. Abrigg showed photographs of the building and gave the same explanation as agenda item # 4 above.

Ms. Lee made a motion to add the property to the historic survey and include it on the Abilene Register of Historic Properties. The motion received a second by Bob McCathren and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Approved: _____, Chairman

Date: _____