
LANDMARKS COMMISSION

October 30, 2007

Minutes

Members Present: Rick Weatherl
Michael McClellan
Bill Minter
Steve Butman
Robert Calk
Pebbles Lee

Members Absent: Tina Cargile, Alternate
Phil Miller
Laura Wardroup, Alternate

Staff Present: Larry Abrigg, Senior Planner, Historic Preservation Officer
Kyle Thomas, Assistant City Attorney

Guests: Greg Shaheen, Pam Smith

Mr. Weatherl called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM, declared a quorum present, and read the opening statement.

Minutes of the August 28, 2007 meeting were submitted for approval. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote. Mr. Butman made the motion and Mr. Minter seconded the motion.

Mr. Weatherl asked staff and the guests if they have no objection he would like to consider Agenda Item 4, before Agenda Item 3 anticipating that Item 3 will take longer.

Agenda Item 4: HPT-0107, Public hearing to consider a request from Pam Smith for a project tax reduction for work done at 1501 N. 14th Street.

Mr. Weatherl read the case description and asked for the staff report. Mr. Abrigg showed photographs and reviewed the staff report and the break-down of the property tax reductions.

Mr. Weatherl opened the public hearing.

Ms. Smith introduced herself and asked if they had any questions. The Commission complemented the owners on improving the property.

Mr. Weatherl closed the public hearing.

Mr. McClellan made a motion to approve the project tax reduction. There was a second by Pebbles Lee. The vote was unanimous to approve the motion.

Agenda Item 3: CA-1107, Public hearing and possible vote to consider a Certificate of Appropriateness from Greg Shaheen to replace the roofing, the windows, add lighting and complete various maintenance projects at 1120 Elmwood Drive.

Mr. Weatherl read the above case description and asked Mr. Abrigg to give the staff report.

Mr. Abrigg reviewed the staff report and showed pictures of 1120 Elmwood Drive, the Moreland/Shahen Home. Mr. Abrigg also detailed the staff recommendations on the projects.

Mr. Weatherl opened the public hearing.

Mr. Shaheen explained his reasons for the projects and he reviewed his detailed application of the eight projects. The commission asked a number of questions concerning all the projects. The projects that were discussed the most are project 8 lighting, and project 7, the use of water sealing on the Austin stone.

Mr. Weatherl closed the public hearing.

Ms. Lee made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness projects with the following conditions. Delete the water seal from project 7. Project 8, lighting can only be landscape lighting or ground mounted. If any original light fixtures need to be replaced the Commission wants to review their removal. The motion had a second from Steve Butman. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 5: Discussion and possible vote to consider rating The Dixie Pig (restaurant), 1403 Butternut, as a historic building and adding it to the Abilene Register of Historic Properties.

Mr. Weatherl read the agenda item description and asked for the staff report. Mr. Abrigg gave the staff report and showed pictures of the restaurant.

Mr. Weatherl opened the public hearing.

Seeing that no one was present Mr. Weatherl closed the public hearing.

After discussion about the history of the Dixie Pig Restaurant and the building, Mr. Minter made a motion to add the Dixie Pig Restaurant to the Abilene Register of Historic Properties as a high priority property. Mr. Butman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 6: Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Weatherl at approximately 5:05 PM.

Approved: _____, Chairman
Date: _____