
LANDMARKS COMMISSION

July 29, 2008

Minutes

Members Present: Dr. Michael E. McClellan
Bill Minter
Steve Butman
Tina Cargile, Alternate
Pebbles Lee

Members Absent:
Phil Miller
Laura Wardroup
Rick Weatherl
Robert Calk

Staff Present: Ben Bryner, Planning Services Manager
Molinda Parker, Senior Planner, Historic Preservation Officer
Kelley Messer, Assistant City Attorney

Guests: Karen Turner
Paul & Tommie Friske

Mr. Butman called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM, declared a quorum present, and read the opening statement.

Minutes of the June 24, 2008 meeting were submitted for approval. Mr. Minter made the first motion and Ms. Cargile seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Agenda Item 3: CA-2008-03 Public hearing for discussion and/or action on a request by Abilene Woman's Club for a Certificate of Appropriateness to enhance the concrete walkway, by edging it with engraved commemorative bricks at the rear entrance to the facility located at 3425 S. 14th Street.

Mr. Butman read the above case description and asked Ms. Parker to give the staff report. Ms Parker reviewed the staff report and presented aerial photos of the property, photos of the Abilene Woman's Club building, including details of the proposed design for the walkway.

Mr. Butman opened the discussion to the public and asked the applicant, Karen Turner, to address the commission. Ms. Turner explained that the commemorative bricks would represent the founders, past presidents and others whose relatives and friends wished to memorialize. The memorial bricks would be purchased by members.

Ms. Lee inquired if the Abilene brick, after removal from the site, was going to be preserved for use at another location. She asked if any of the members of the Abilene Woman's Club wanted the bricks, as many landscapers might have a use for them. Ms. Turner responded that they are aware of the potential for further use of the brick.

Mr. Butman closed the public hearing. Ms. Lee made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Minter seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4: CA-2008-04 Public hearing for discussion and/or action on a request by Paul & Tommie Friske for a Certificate of Appropriateness to convert an existing detached garage into an art studio at their residence located at 1326 Highland Avenue.

Mr. Butman read the above case description and asked Ms. Parker to give the staff report. Ms. Parker reviewed the staff report and presented aerial photos of the property, photos of the home and garage and elevation drawings of the proposed changes to the structure.

Mr. Butman opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Friske confirmed his address as 1326 Highland Ave. He said that the presentation covered his plans for conversion of the garage.

Ms. Lee asked the age of the house. Mrs. Friske responded that it was built in 1926.

Mr. Butman commented that it is the Mathews/Carden house built in 1929.

Mr. Minter commented that the renovation of the garage would be a nice addition.

Dr. McClellan inquired about the AC and heating.

Mr. Friske informed the commission that he will install a “Mr. Slim” unit which includes both AC & heat.

Ms. Lee informed the commission that this house does not have Historical Overlay Zoning.

Mr. Bryner commented that it is on the City Council’s list of historic structures.

Ms. Lee explained to Mr. & Mrs. Friske that they can apply for the overlay zoning at a cost of \$200, but it would benefit them later, as the cost of renovation could be reimbursed up to \$4,000. Their option would be to come back for a special meeting to obtain the historic designation and then proceed with the project. Mr. Minter added that the Abilene Preservation League would contribute \$100 toward the application fee. Mr. & Mrs. Friske chose to decline the offer, as they are anxious to complete the work.

Ms. Messner suggested that the commission take no action on the case.

Mr. Butman closed the Public Hearing.

Agenda Item 5: Adjourn

Approved: _____, Chairman
Date: _____