
LANDMARKS COMMISSION

February 23, 2010

Minutes

Members Present: Rick Weatherl
Steve Butman
Bill Minter
Phil Miller

Members Absent: Tina Cargile - Alternate
Peebles Lee
Dr. Michael E. McClellan
Robert Calk

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

Guests: Georgia Sanders, Applicant

Mr. Weatherl called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM, declared a quorum present, and read the opening statement. Minutes of the January 26, 2010 meeting were submitted for approval. The vote for approval was unanimous (4-0). Ms. Messer reminded the Commission that the previous motion to table, established at the January 26th meeting, must be removed prior to proceeding with the case. Mr. Butman made a motion to remove CA-2010-01 from the tabling, and Mr. Miller seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (4-0).

Agenda Item 3: CA-2010-01, Public hearing, discussion and possible approval of an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by the City of Abilene for the demolition of a single-family residence located at 750 Mesquite.

Mr. Weatherl read the above case description and asked Ms. Parker to give the staff report. Ms. Parker reviewed the staff report and informed the Commission that James Prescott, Condemnation Officer, would not be present. Therefore, the deadline for demolition was not known at this time. Nonetheless, the condition of the property had not changed since the January meeting. Ms. Parker informed the Commission that Mr. Minter had obtained a cost estimate for roof repair in the sum of \$8,225.

Mr. Weatherl opened the discussion to the public and asked Mrs. Sanders to address the Commission. Mrs. Sanders identified herself as the owner of the property at 750 Mesquite Street and a resident at 888 Highland Ave. She explained that she had exhausted the possibility of giving the property to a community organization or church and, as stated earlier, cannot afford to repair the house to a livable condition. She felt that her options had been thoroughly explored and demolition of the house was inevitable. Mr. Weatherl closed the public hearing. Mr. Minter commented that he disliked seeing such a community asset disappear, but reluctantly made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for demolition. Mr. Butman concurred and seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (4-0)

Adjourn

Approved: _____, Chairman

Date: _____