
LANDMARKS COMMISSION

June 25, 2013

Minutes

Members Present:

Bill Minter
Robert Calk
Steve Butman
Michael McClellan
Phil Miller

Members Absent: Rich Weatherl
Pebbles Lee

Staff Present: Stephanie Goodrich, Historic Preservation Officer
Ben Bryner, Planning Services Manager
Kelly Messer, Assistant City Attorney
Donna Boarts, Planning Services Secretary

Guests Present: Kelly Langford-Thompson

Mr. Calk called the meeting to order at 4:10 P.M. and declared a quorum present and read the opening statement.

Minutes of the June 18, 2013 meeting were submitted for approval.

Mr. Minter made a motion to accept the minutes and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous (5-0).

Mr. Butman joined the meeting at 4:15.

Ms. Stephanie Goodrich presented the staff report for CA-2013-04, 1710 Belmont Boulevard.

Public hearing, discussion and possible approval of an application for Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by Kelly Langford, for paint color change and maintenance to the residential property located at 1710 Belmont Boulevard.

The Rhodes/Connally house, 1941, is in the Belmont Addition Neighborhood, which began development in 1927. It is a two story Tudor Revival style home with a contributing garage. The property was granted historic overlay in January 2012. Proper maintenance is integral to the upkeep of a historic property. The selected colors, although not on an official National Trust list, are compatible with the style of architecture and the surrounding neighborhood.

The request is for a paint color change to both the woodwork and the stucco of the exterior for both the main residence and the accessory building.

The revised color sections are from the Eddie Bauer Valspar line: Cliveden Sandstone (3007-10B) for the stucco and Deep Walnut (2004-9A) for the wood trim. Valspar is the only holder of the National Trust Colors palette, only 258 colors to choose from.

Mr. Butman made mention that it will be a nice improvement then how it looked previously.

Mr. Calk asked about any wood damage and about the amount of wood scraping that is needed, Ms. Goodrich added there is some damage to the wood, possible spot patches to the home.

Mr. Butman opened to the public hearing.

Mrs. Kelly Langford-Thompson (applicant) spoke in favor of the revised paint request. Mrs. Langford-Thompson feels going back to a more traditional Tudor style coloring with dark beams with light cream stucco. Replaced most of the damaged wood and painting will begin.

Mr. Butman closed the public hearing.

Mr. Minter made the motion to approve CA-2013-04, Mr. McClellan seconded. The vote was unanimous (5-0).

Ms. Stephanie Goodrich presented the staff report for HOZ-2013-01, 101 Oak Street.

Public hearing, discussion and possible approval of an application for Zoning Change submitted by The City of Abilene, for removal of the Historic Overlay Zoning for the Central Business property located at 101 Oak Street.

The Matera Paper Building was lost to fire in early 2012. It is no longer receiving Historic Overlay Tax credits. The structure was a complete loss, therefore no historic resource exists. It is an appropriate action to remove the Historic Overlay Zoning so the owner may redevelop the parcel without Landmarks Commission review.

Mr. Minter states a lot of those bricks have gone towards historic preservation in other cities.

Mr. Butman opened to the public.

Mr. Butman closed the public hearing.

Mr. McClellan made the motion to approve CA-2013-01, Mr. Calk seconded. The vote was unanimous (5-0).

Discussion Item:

Ms. Goodrich would like to have a suggested list from the Commissioners of the properties that are most important and should belong on the City approved list. Would like this set for discussion in the July meeting. If the meeting goes too long we can table it for August.'

Mr. McClellan questioned "List of Resources."

Ms. Goodrich states there is a survey of 400 resources, would like to pick those that do not have any legal protection, compile for City Council for an approved list that need historic protection even though they do not have historic overlay.

Mr. Butman questioned do we need to work off this list for 400 that have been surveyed. Ms. Goodrich answered that any qualifying resource could be considered even if not on a previous list or survey.

Ms. Goodrich will email the Commissions a list of those exiting houses.

McClellan asked what a resource was.

Ms. Goodrich answered that resources could be a structure, a site, a cultural landscape or a public work of art.

Mr. Calk states that Austin has done it for certain trees, plants and landscapes.

Ms. Goodrich prefers to not put protection on live objects unless it is part of a cultural landscape or possibly a heritage landscape.

Mr. Butman mentioned that he photographed a building that was in bad shape, can discuss at next meeting or give address to the City for them to contact owner for repairs and remind them of their tax incentive and the upkeep needed of the business/home owners.

Mr. Bryner suggested sending an e-mail to staff so the issue could be addressed.

Mr. Butman asked for a motion to adjourn, Mr. Calk made a motion to adjourn at 4:18 P.M. Mr. Minter seconded the motion. The vote to adjourn was unanimous (5-0)

Approved: _____, Chairman
