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**LANDMARKS COMMISSION**  
**November 26th, 2013**  
**Minutes**

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Members Present: Steve Butman~ Chairman  
Phil Miller  
Robert Calk  
Michael McClellan  
Rick Weatherl

Members Absent: Pebbles Lee  
Bill Minter

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

Guests Present: Bill Cox  
Roxy Childs-Cox

Mr. Butman called the meeting to order at 4:15 P.M. and declared a quorum present and read the opening statement.

Minutes of the October 29th, 2013 meeting were submitted for approval.

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

**Ms. Stephanie Goodrich presented the staff report for CA-2013-08, 842 Amarillo Street.** Public hearing, discussion and possible approval of an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness, submitted by Bill Cox, for fence replacement at 842 Amarillo Street.

The Jones/Behrens house is contributing house in the Sayles Boulevard National Register Historic District. It was built with an irregular form and has classical details such as Tuscan columns and a main entry with sidelights and multi pane transom windows. 9/9 windows on the front facade are also indicative of Classical revival. The property was granted Historic Overlay Zoning in 1996. The house was reported to be built in 1921; however Sanborn Fire insurance Maps have the structure in place as early as 1915. Building permits from 1978 date the rear addition of a bedroom and bath, and the attached garage possibly in 1977. The additions are compatible with the older parts of the structure.

The proposed change to the property is for fence replacement. The fence as it is now is a wide pine plank, painted white, and palisaded with rounded tops. There is a bottom rail made out of composite concrete planks.

The applicant is requesting approval for a cedar fence, palisaded with no openings, stained but unpainted, with a top cap along each length. There would be no visible bottom rail from the public right of way.

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:** The fence that exists today is not original to the structure, and is suffering from a wood ant infestation. It is in deteriorating condition. The proposed replacement fencing will be more resistant to Carpenter and Wood ants and is compatible with the neighborhood designs and the design of the historic structure.

Mr. Butman indicated metal posts will be used.

Mr. McClellan stated that the spacing of the poles and width are generally 6 ft.

Mr. Weatherl stated that 8 ft. is illegal, 7' ft. is the maximum, 6' ft. is standard height for a fence.

Ms. Goodrich stated that 7' is the maximum height you can have if it is not a Historic District without obtaining a variance. The applicant is proposing to construct a 6ft. fence.

Mr. Butman opened the public hearing.

Mr. Bill Cox spoke in favor of the replacing the fencing around the home. They are purposing to do a cap-top that would be non-intrusive with galvanized posts. They request to go from the existing 5 ft. fence to a 6ft. fence.

Mr. Butman inquired if the wood would be stained. Mr. Cox explained that the wood will be stained, which keeps the wood from aging and keeps it looking appropriate.

Mr. Weatherl inquired about the steel frame showing towards the inside only.

Mr. Cox stated that only the wood will be seen, no poles will be visible.

Mr. Butman closed the public hearing.

**Mr. Weatherl made the motion to approve CA-2013-08 with the condition that the metal poles be installed on the interior side of the fence, Mr. Miller seconded. The vote was unanimous (5-0).**

**Discussion Items:**

**a. Committee Discussion: Regarding 642 Sayles Boulevard and 275 Cypress Street.**

**Ms. Stephanie Goodrich providing an update on decisions that were made for:  
642 Sayles Boulevard.**

The Southside committee unanimously agreed that a paint color change from the current color to the proposed wood lawn colonial grey was appropriate. This is an approved color with the *National Trust for Historic Preservation*. The trim color will remain white.

**Ms. Stephanie Goodrich stated that the sub-committee made a decision for:  
275 Cypress Street.**

The Downtown committee unanimously agreed to allow the removal of broken bell copings for replacements made out of metal, to resemble the originals. Some of the originals will remain and copings that are able to be salvaged for reuse in areas as needed, as well as repair to the flat roof that is not visible from the public areas.

**b. Update to the City Council Approved Abilene Historic Register:**

Ms. Stephanie Goodrich stated these items will be discussed again in January 2104. Due to the holidays, she was not certain about a having December meeting. Here are a few suggestions from the Commissioners:

- Cotton Warehouse ~ 602 No. 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 501 Palm Street
- 450 Peach Street ~ grouping of storefronts on Peach and 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 1450 Tanglewood ~ Cree House

Mr. Calk inquired the grouping of addresses on Peach Street.

Ms. Goodrich stated that these following addresses are vacant. Ms. Goodrich suggested to the Commissioners to drive by the Cotton Warehouse to look at the structure, it is visible as to the condition that it is in and if we would like to pass this on to City Council. This building does not have any Historic Overlay; however, it does have Historic significance.

Mr. McClellan spoke of the possible demolition of this structure by the City.

Ms. Goodrich stated that it has the potential to be placed on the Historic Register which would possibly stop the federal grant money or make a Federal Agency look for an alternative location for projects that use federal funds. She will attempt to contact the building owner to look at the inside to asses conditions.

Ms. Goodrich spoke about 1450 Tanglewood Road ~ The Cree House circa 1955. She stated, that if you have not seen this home you should make a point to drive by. Not easily seen from the road, but photos of this home are available for review and discussion at another meeting date.

Mr. Butman inquired who the architect of the Cree House was.

Mr. Weatherl stated that is was James Tittle.

**Mr. Butman asked for a motion to adjourn at 4:45 P.M. The vote was unanimous (5-0).**

Approved: _____, Chairman
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