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LANDMARKS COMMISSION

March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Minutes

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Members Present: Steve Butman  
Pebbles Lee  
Dr. Michael McClellan  
Phil Miller  
Bill Minter

Members Absent: Rick Weatherl

Staff Present: Ben Bryner, Interim Historic Preservation Officer  
Dana Schoening, Director of Planning and Zoning  
Kelley Messer, Assistant City Attorney  
Donna Boarts, Administrative Secretary (Recording)

Guests Present: Louis & Bonita Williams

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

Minutes of the January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting were submitted for approval.

**Mr. Minter made a motion to approve the minutes, Chairman Butman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.**

CA-2016-01, Public hearing, discussion and possible approval for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by The National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature Museum for new lighting on the building to display public art work, located at 102 Cedar Street.

Mr. Bryner presented the staff report for this case. The Grace Garage-Rhodes Building, 1925, is a prime example of restoration efforts in Abilene. It is a contributing building in the Abilene Commercial National Register District. It was granted Historic Overlay Zoning in 1999. It is owned by the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature.

The request is to add red L.E.D. lighting strips on 2 awnings facing the 'Santa Claus' statue in the sidewalk.

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:** The City of Abilene is designated as the "Story Book Capital of Texas" and has devoted the last several years in celebrating this by commissioning public art work around the downtown area. One such piece of art exists within the sidewalk in front of the building. The applicant is proposing to use minimal lighting so as to not detract from the building but sufficient to display the piece of art.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approval.

Chairman Butman opened the public hearing. No one came forward and the public meeting was closed.

**Mr. McClellan made a motion to approve CA-2016-01. Mrs. Lee seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous (5-0).**

**Mr. Butman adjourned the meeting from location at 4:15 pm.**

Approved: June 28, 2016,

Chairman: Steve Butman