
LANDMARKS COMMISSION

April 25, 2017

Minutes

Members Present: Steve Butman, Chair
Phil Miller
Michael McClellan
Bill Minter
Rick Weatherl
Jamie Dalzell

Members Absent: Pebbles Lee

Staff Present: Duane Hall, Planner II (Recording)
Kelley Messer, First Assistant City Attorney

Guests Present: Ann Renner
Jim Jones

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

Minutes of the March 28, 2017 meeting were submitted for approval. Commissioner McClellan noted a correction regarding his participation in item CA-2017-04: *excused himself* should read *abstained*.

Commissioner McClellan made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction, Commissioner Butman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously (6-0).

CA-2017-05, a request from Ann Renner for a Certificate of Appropriateness to repair and replace where necessary roof structure members, replace roofing material with 30-year composition shingle, and repaint exterior, located at 782 Palm St, consisting of 0.22 acres.

Mr. Duane Hall presented the staff report for this case with staff's recommendation.

Chair Butman opened the public hearing.

Ann Renner and Jim Jones, applicants, discussed their plans for the property and house including decking roof with plywood, redoing the support columns on the porch, putting back spires on the roof peaks, removing the middle set of stairs to the porch, redoing the other set of stairs to add sides like they are shown in the 1920s photo, and reroofing the roof on top of the side tower addition.

Chair Butman asked if they were going to put the chimney back in. Mr. Jones responded they did not know how much of the chimney is left, but will look into it once they start reroofing.

Commissioner McClellan asked if the exterior paint was oil-based? Ms. Renner stated she believes it is a hybrid oil-water base paint.

Commissioner Minter asked if the applicants specialized in older historic homes. Mr. Jones said they do not specialize in historic homes and he summarized his experience as a contractor stating they do a little bit of everything.

There being no other members of the public wishing to speak, Chair Butman closed the public hearing.

Commissioners expressed their support for the applicant's plans for the home.

Commissioner McClellan made a motion to approve CA-2017-05 with the condition stated in the staff report. Commissioner Weatherl seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (6-0).

HPTR-2017-01, a request from Greg Shaheen for a Historic Project Tax Reduction in City of Abilene property taxes for improvement projects in the amount of \$28,329.19, located at 1120 Elmwood Drive, consisting of 0.84 acres.

Mr. Hall informed the Commission that Mr. Shaheen was not be able to attend the meeting because of a family emergency, but he requested that the Commission review and take action on his application. Mr. Hall presented the staff report for this case with staff's recommendation.

Chair Butman asked staff about changes to the ordinances on property tax reductions. Ms. Kelley Messer stated she is looking at options to the ordinance, but she is in the early stage of the review process.

Commissioner McClellan made a motion to approve the resolution approving HPTR-2017-01. Chair Butman seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (6-0).

Discussion: Procedures for Updating the Abilene Register of Historic Places, discuss and provide feedback to staff on procedures and meetings to consider amendments to the Abilene Register.

Mr. Hall presented the staff report. Commissioners discussed the proposed procedures and meetings. Commissioners did not identify any changes to the procedures and meetings as recommended by staff.

Commissioners discussed other topics of historic preservation and how the Abilene Register could be utilized. These included opportunities for staff and the Commissioners to educate property owners proposing changes to properties listed in the Register, National Register districts in Abilene, staff notifying Commissioners of work proposed on properties listed in the Abilene Register especially properties in the National Register, and the potential for local districts.

ADJOURN:

Chair Butman adjourned the meeting at 5:15 PM.

Approved: <u>Steve Butman</u> , Chair
Date: <u>06-27-2017</u>