

ABILENE LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING

August 28, 2018 at 4 p.m.

ABILENE LANDMARKS COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL

Members Present: Mr. Steve Butman, Chair
Ms. Pebbles Lee, Secretary
Mr. Don Garrett
Mr. James Wagstaff

Members Absent: Ms. Jamie Dalzell, Vice Chair
Dr. Michael McClellan, Sergeant at Arms
Mr. Phil Miller

Staff Present: Mr. Ken Flynn, Interim Director
Mr. Zack Rainbow, Interim Assistant Director
Mr. Hayden Brodowsky, Historic Preservation Officer
Ms. Melissa Farr, Administrative Secretary
Ms. Kelley Messer, First Assistant City Attorney

Others Present: Mr. Steve Dieterichs Ms. Haley Wilcox
Mr. Nathan Hathorn

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Butman called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and declared a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Lee moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, July 24, 2018. Mr. Garrett seconded the motion. The vote was approved by four (4) with none in opposition.

AYES: Lee, Garrett, Wagstaff, Butman

NAYS: None

AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion: Consider expanding the National Register of Historic Properties. Presentations from both Steve Dieterichs (Downtown Development Director) and Haley Wilcox (Ogee Preservation) to further explain the goals of this project.

Mr. Hayden Brodowsky announced the intent of the discussion is to obtain feedback from the Commission.

Mr. Steve Dieterichs, Executive Director, Abilene Chamber of Commerce Downtown Initiative, shared the focus of his team is to increase the housing supply to the downtown area, and discuss the expenses related to restoring historic buildings.

He provided the Petroleum Building as an example of a building large enough to be converted to residential that may be eligible for the historic district. There are buildings and warehouses that can be eligible as part of a district, but not individually.

Ms. Haley Wilcox, Ogee LLC, reviewed the current Abilene Commercial historic district. There are 25 contributing buildings and 15 non-contributing. Federal credit is 20% income tax credit, Texas credit is 25% franchise or insurance tax credit.

Purpose of expansion to a larger Abilene National Register Historic District is provide preservation incentives, encourage historic preservation, attract outside investment, bring awareness to Abilene's history.

- Need to conduct large-scale survey to identify historic buildings surrounding the current district
- Utilize map and archival research to determine history of the surveyed area

Feedback from the Commission included: 1) Increase boundaries to include Butternut, 2) Inquired about the application process

ADJOURN

The Abilene Landmarks Commission meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Approved: _____
Chairman

Steve Butman