



ABILENE LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING
February 26, 2019 at 4 p.m.

**ABILENE LANDMARKS COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
ABILENE, TEXAS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

Members Present: Mr. Steve Butman, Chair
Ms. Jamie Dalzell, Vice Chair
Dr. Michael McClellan, Sergeant at Arms
Ms. Pebbles Lee, Secretary

Members Absent: Mr. Phil Miller
Mr. James Wagstaff
Mr. Don Garrett

Staff Present: Mr. Michael Rice, Assistant City Manager
Mr. Mike Warrix, Director of Planning and Development Services
Mr. Hayden Brodowsky, Historic Preservation Officer
Ms. Melissa Farr, Administrative Secretary
Ms. Kelley Messer, First Assistant City Attorney

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, December 18, 2018, with revision. The vote was approved unanimously by four (4).

AYES: Dalzell, McClellan, Lee, and Butman

NAYS: None

AGENDA ITEMS

a. **CA-2019-01** A request for Certificate of Appropriateness from the applicant, Mr. Larry Sullivan, for an addition to his home located at 1242 Highland Avenue.

Mr. Hayden Brodowsky presented this request. For this project, the applicant is requesting:

1. Demolish existing garage, built in 1925
2. Install workshop, wood frame on metal (16' X 40') with brick façade
3. Install roof ventilation on rear side of house

Mr. Butman opened the public hearing.

Mr. Larry Sullivan spoke in favor of this request, saying the building will mainly be used as a workshop.

Seeing no one else present and desiring to be heard, the public hearing was closed.

Due to discussion of setback issues, the public hearing was reopened. The applicant was asked if he would be interested in applying for a variance. As there is no hardship related to the peculiarity of the land, it was decided to move forward.

Seeing no one else present and desiring to be heard, the public hearing was closed.

PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

Ms. Lee moved to approve this request with the conditions recommended by Staff and the additional stipulation of added ventilation:

1. New garage must utilize same architectural features as existing structures.
2. Must reuse old brick or match existing when necessary.
3. Ventilation must not be visible from street views.

Dr. McClellan seconded the motion. The motion to approve prevailed by the following vote:

AYES: Dalzell, McClellan, Lee, and Butman

NAYS: None

b. Discussion and Possible Action: Consider implementing a Façade Grant Program that provides a reimbursement for commercial businesses looking to improve the exterior of their building.

Mr. Hayden Brodowsky presented this program.

A Façade Grant Program creates incentives for commercial property owners to improve their front façade by giving matching funds up to \$10,000. Peer cities who also do Façade Programs:

- Denton
- Killeen
- Midland
- Odessa
- San Angelo
- Waco
- Wichita Falls
- Grand Prairie

Abilene has earmarked up to \$500,000 of TIRZ funds for façade improvements. Further discussions will be needed with the Landmarks Commission and the TIRZ Board if Council is interested in moving this program forward.

Mr. Butman recommended the implementation of this program. The motion to approve prevailed by the following vote:

AYES: Dalzell, McClellan, Lee, and Butman

NAYS: None

ADJOURN

The Abilene Landmarks Commission meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Approved: Steve Butman
Chairman

