



ABILENE LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING
May 28, 2019 at 4 p.m.

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

Members Present: Mr. Steve Butman, Chair
Dr. Michael McClellan, Sergeant at Arms
Ms. Pebbles Lee, Secretary
Mr. John Scott

Members Absent: Ms. Jamie Dalzell, Vice Chair
Mr. Phil Miller
Mr. James Wagstaff
Mr. Don Garrett

Staff Present: Mr. Michael Rice, Assistant City Manager
Mr. Zack Rainbow, Assistant Director of Planning and
Development Services
Ms. Melissa Farr, Administrative Secretary
Ms. Kelley Messer, First Assistant City Attorney

Others Present: Mr. Kevin Phillips Mr. Dickie Porche

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Butman called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. and declared a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no deletions, no additions, and no corrections, Ms. Lee moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, February 26, 2019. Dr. McClellan seconded the motion. The motion to approve prevailed by the following vote:

AYES: Scott, McClellan, Lee, and Butman
NAYS: None

AGENDA ITEMS

HOZ-2019-01 A request initiated by the City of Abilene to remove Historic Overlay Zoning on the property located at 782 Palm Street known as the Hargrove House, which was built in 1909.

Mr. Zack Rainbow presented this request. The City of Abilene is initiating the request to remove Historic Overlay Zoning on the property. The house has been under condemnation by the Board of Building Standards since November 2007. The opinion of City Staff is disrepair to this building has reached a point that any remedy to the building will result in a loss of any original historic character.

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

PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval.

Commission and Staff discussion included: 1) Clarification of ownership, progress and benefits received, and explanation of process and timeline if removal of overlay is approved

Ms. Lee made the motion to table this request until a meeting with the current owner could be initiated by the Southside Committee. Dr. McClellan seconded the motion. The motion to table this request prevailed by the following vote:

AYES: Scott, McClellan, Lee, and Butman

NAYS: None

Discussion: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action, Including Initiation of Historic Overlay Zoning regarding a Demolition Permit for a property listed as a "high priority" on Abilene Register of Historic Properties, per Section 2.3.4.4(h)(1) of the Land Development Code located at 2158 S. 3rd Street

Mr. Zack Rainbow announced a demolition permit had been received. The building was built in 1910. A discussion is required to learn the appropriate route the Commission would prefer Staff take with this request.

Historical significance is found in the biography of Mr. Howard Green, who lived at this address while attending high school in Abilene. He graduated from McMurray, became a sportswriter for the Abilene Reporter-News, and served in World War II. His grandson is Ethan Hawke, an actor.

Mr. Butman opened the public hearing. Those who spoke in favor were:

Mr. Kevin Phillips

Mr. Dickie Porche

There being no action required, the discussion came to a close.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Mr. Butman adjourned the Abilene Landmarks Commission meeting at 4:46 p.m.

Approved: Steve Butman
Chairman