

ABILENE LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING July 23, 2019 at 4 p.m.

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

Members Present: Mr. Steve Butman, Chair

Dr. Michael McClellan, Sergeant at Arms

Ms. Pebbles Lee, Secretary

Mr. John Scott Mr. James Wagstaff

Members Absent: Ms. Jamie Dalzell, Vice Chair

Mr. Phil Miller

Staff Present: Mr. Michael Rice, Assistant City Manager

Mr. Zack Rainbow, Assistant Director of Planning and

Development Services

Mr. Tim Littlejohn, Chief Building Official Ms. Melissa Farr, Executive 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

Mr. Butman moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, May 28, 2019, with the revision to spelling of McMurry University in the Discussion item. The motion to approve prevailed by the following vote:

AYES: McClellan, Lee, Scott, Wagstaff, and Butman

NAYS: None

AGENDA ITEMS

HOZ-2019-01 (Tabled from May 28, 2019) 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.

Dr. McClellan moved to remove this item from the table. The motion to approve prevailed by the following vote:

AYES: McClellan, Lee, Scott, Wagstaff, and Butman

NAYS: None

Mr. Zack Rainbow presented this request. The City of Abilene is initiating the request to remove Historic Overlay Zoning on the property. The intent of this removal is to allow an easier process of renovation for the owner with repairs taking shorter length of time.

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) The desire for the Abilene Preservation League to reach out to the owner and provide assistance.

Dr. McClellan moved to remove the Historic Overlay (HO) zoning. Mr. Butman seconded the motion. The motion to recommend removal of HO zoning prevailed by the following vote:

AYES: McClellan, Scott, Wagstaff, and Butman

NAYS: Lee

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Mr. Butman adjourned the Abilene Landmarks Commission meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Approved: Steve Britman

Chairman