



**CITY OF ABILENE**

**THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING  
THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2022**

**Present Members:** Ms. Jamie Dalzell, Vice Chair  
Mr. Steve Butman  
Mr. Josh Black  
Ms. Pebbles Lee, Chair

**Absent Members:** Dr. Michael McClellan, Sergeant at Arms  
Mr. John Scott  
Mr. Kevin Halliburton

**Staff Present:** Mr. Michael Rice, Assistant City Manager  
Ms. Kelley Messer, First Assistant City Attorney  
Mr. Tim Littlejohn, Director  
Ms. Clarissa Ivey, Planner I  
Ms. Melissa Farr, Executive Assistant

**Others Present:** Ms. Morgan Paschal

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Lee called the meeting to order at 4:16 p.m. and declared a quorum present.

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the previous meeting, April 26, 2022 were discussed. Approval of minutes was postponed until the next meeting. 158 Cypress Street should include the removal of white tile on exterior entrance of building and was approved to be replaced with stucco.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**CA-2022-03:** Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on A Request to Replace Windows and Storefront Doors at 202 Cypress Street.

Ms. Melissa Farr presented this request. The subject property is located at 202 Cypress Street. This historic name of this building is the Paxton Building. It is currently known as Nora Hall, a live music event venue.

The current zoning district for this property is Central Business District (CB) with Historic Overlay (H). The building is located in the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone.

The Paxton Building is listed in the City of Abilene Historic Buildings Database, as well as the Abilene Register of Historic Properties. The property is also recommended on the Abilene Visitors Center Historical Downtown Walking Tour.

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace all windows upstairs, the "block" windows on the top of the first floor, and two doors. Additionally, 29 light glass window pane windows will be installed on the south side and two on the east side to open the windows that were originally there. The stucco and tile will be removed. Tile will be removed from the entire building and the building will be returned to red brick with black windows.

The applicant is also interested in the Historic Project Tax Reduction incentive; therefore, an application will be forthcoming.

Ms. Lee opened the public hearing. The applicant, Mr. Nathan Hathorn, was available to answer questions and provide more detail about his project.

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

**PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approval

After discussion among the Commission, it is noted in this motion that removing the tile on the side and the removal of stucco was discussed. The motion includes the tile on the southern side and the stucco on both parts of the southern and eastern sides may be removed and the original brick may be restored. Mr. Black moved to approve this request for Certificate of Appropriateness, consistent with the criteria assessed including the removal of stucco and tile on the exterior, and all new additions would not damage any existing historic materials underneath. Ms. Dalzell seconded the motion. The motion to approve this request prevailed by the following vote:

**AYES:** Dalzell, Butman, Black, Lee

**NAYS:** None

**ADJOURN**

There being no further discussion, The Landmarks Commission meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Approved:  Vice Chairman