



THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Present Members: Ms. Pebbles Lee, Chair
Ms. Jamie Dalzell, Vice-Chair
Mr. Steve Butman
Mr. Kevin Halliburton

Absent Members: Mr. Josh Black
Dr. Michael McClellan, Sergeant at Arms
Mr. Andrew Penns
Mr. John Scott

Staff Present: Mr. Michael Rice, Assistant City Manager
Ms. Kelley Messer, First Assistant City Attorney
Mr. Tim Littlejohn, Director
Mr. Randy Anderson, Assistant Director
Ms. Mason Teegardin
Ms. Allison Vogt
Mr. Adam Holland
Ms. Melissa Farr

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Lee called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and declared a quorum present.

MINUTES

The minutes from the previous meeting held on April 25, 2023 were approved. Mr. Halliburton made the motion to **approve** and Ms. Dalzell seconded. The motion to approve minutes prevailed by the following vote:

AYES: Dalzell, Butman, Halliburton, Lee

NAYS: None

AGENDA ITEM

Discussion regarding the process of updating the 2021 Abilene Register of Historic Properties

Ms. Mason Teegardin initiated this discussion. Ms. Allison Vogt was introduced as the intern student from Abilene Christian University who has been assisting with this project.

Ms. Teegardin began by sharing there are currently 414 properties on the Abilene Register of Historic Properties. The 1994 study was completed by a consultant from the Texas Historical Commission (THC) with grant funding. Staff can apply for a similar grant in the future and use the list compiled by the Commission as a good starting point and data base. Some facts to make note of are as follows:

- ❖ 133 properties have Historic Overlay Zoning. 281 properties do not.
- ❖ 59 properties are on the City Council List of Historic Properties
- ❖ 150 properties are located on the National Register; 53 are individually listed, and 97 are district contributors
- ❖ 8 are Recorded Texas Historical Landmarks
- ❖ 14 properties have been demolished

Staff reviewed the register and removed 14 properties that have been demolished, added properties where Historic Overlay (HO) zoning has been approved, and gathered information for properties that could potentially be added to the list. This list will be the updated Official Historic Property list upon City Council approval.

The demolished buildings were discussed. Ms. Teegardin charged the Commission with the following:

- ❖ Consider and update, if necessary, the work program as described;
- ❖ Provide staff with any additional direction; and
- ❖ Provide the rationale and justification for each new property identified for potential inclusion as a historic property prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission in August.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, the Landmarks Commission meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Approved:  Chair