



**MEETING MINUTES  
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 16, 2016**

The Historic Landmarks Commission of the City of Palestine, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting on February 16, 2016 at Palestine City Hall, 504 N. Queen Street, Palestine, Texas, with the following people:

Present: Barbara Jordan, Mickie Lamberth, Cindy Millichamp, Shirley Shaddock, Robb Stewart, Linda Williams

Absent: Julie Abston

Staff: Jacob Morris

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Linda Williams called the Regular Meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Chair Julie Abston was absent.

**B. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Resident Angela Dean, identified as residing at 614 S Magnolia, spoke. She stated that the property at 613 S. Magnolia has had its side windows removed and replacements installed, and instead of repairing the original windows, they installed a 6 foot privacy fence. She stated that her daughter was accused by city official for having it in for this person. She expressed her concern that unless enforcement is done, each building will be lost. She stated that there were a large amount of vacant homes in a 6 block radius of her. She suggested some sort of incentive program be developed.

Resident Elise Dean, identified as residing at 614 S Magnolia, spoke. She expressed concerns about 613 S. Magnolia. She stated that the property owner had attempted to cover the replacement windows using a garish 6 foot fence. She stated that the property owner doesn't care about the historic integrity of the property. She used his Gilbert Street house, which does not have historic designation, as an example. She stated that all of its windows have been replaced. She stated that she complained several times, and that although she maybe should not have waited as long, She said that she had recently called Julie Abston at least twice without response, after they had visited 614 about the windows, once sitting at the police station together. She expressed disappoint that Mrs. Abston was not present. She concluded by claiming that she has been accused of picking on and badmouthing property owners by staff. She expressed concerns that she is being portrayed as a "bad guy" for caring too much about historic neighborhoods.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

1. Consider the minutes for the January HLC Meeting.

Commission approved the minutes. Commissioner Stewart moved, Lamberth seconded.

**D. INTRODUCTION OF HLC APPOINTMENTS**

1. Introduction of members

Appointment Barbara Jordan was introduced and welcomed by members.

**E. STAFF AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**



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HPO Jacob Morris announced that the Texas Historic Commission Historic Property tool project was being developed, and initial visits had been made to pilot communities. It was to be based on Ruskinarc software architecture. He then announced that he had spoken at the Preservation Texas preservation summit in Austin, at the session entitled "Hands-on Preservation Training: Needs and Opportunities" and the response from comments about exposing high school vocational students to traditional building trades was well received. Commissioner Millichamp and HPO updated commission on the oral history project, summarizing that the biggest impediment to completion would be transcription, but that it might be best to capture the interviews regardless, and then look for opportunities for transcribers. HPO summarized that he had been reviewing the local tax incentives, and suggested a worksession to discuss any improvements that could be made.

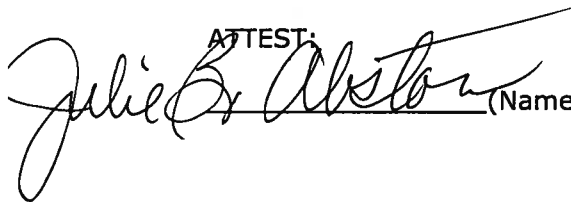
**F. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

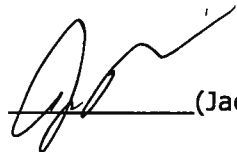
Commissioner Williams proposed scheduling a worksession addressing enforcement in the historic districts such as the concerns raised during public comment, as well as tax incentives. All commissioners concurred.

**J. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 4:19 pm

ATTEST:

  
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(Name), Chairman

  
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(Jacob Morris, PhD, HPO)