



HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 4:00 PM

A Regular Meeting of the Historic Landmarks Commission was held on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 4:00 PM, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 504 N. Queen Street, Palestine, Texas, with the following people present:

Members in Attendance

Julie Abston, Chair
Marti Moronko
Paul Priestner
Mary Alice Largent

Julie Davis
Linda Williams

Others in Attendance

Jeffrey Lyons, Planner
Warren Oakley, Development Services Director
Laura Westgate, Main Street Manager
Janelle Williams, City Secretary

A quorum of the Historic Landmarks Commission was present.

REGULAR MEETING

Julie Abston called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A Public Hearing regarding a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the front porch light fixture located at 1008 Cedar Street, Applicant Michael Ohrt, Case CA-11-19

Julie Abston opened the public hearing. Planner Jeffrey Lyons provided an overview of the application. With no speakers regarding the certificate of appropriateness, the public hearing was closed.

A Public Hearing regarding a Certificate of Appropriateness to construct a detached metal carport located at 919 N. Mallard Street, Applicant Michael B. Dear, Case CA-11-20

Julie Abston opened the public hearing. Planner Jeffrey Lyons provided an overview of the application. With no speakers regarding the certificate of appropriateness, the public hearing was closed.

A Public Hearing regarding a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the existing tin skirting with simulated brick skirting, replace the aluminum siding with vinyl siding and replace four wood windows with aluminum windows located at 201 E. Pine Street, Applicant Grady Sanderlin, Case CA-11-21

Julie Abston opened the public hearing. Planner Jeffrey Lyons provided an overview of the application. Grady Sanderlin spoke in favor of the certificate of appropriateness. With no other speakers regarding the certificate of appropriateness, the public hearing was closed.

A Public Hearing regarding a Certificate of Appropriateness to install a faux brick stencil pattern on top of the existing concrete sidewalks located at 201, 205 and 213 W. Crawford Street, Applicant Gregory Champagne, Case CA-11-22

Julie Abston opened the public hearing. Planner Jeffrey Lyons provided an overview of the application. Gregory Champagne spoke in favor of the certificate of appropriateness. With no other speakers regarding the certificate of appropriateness, the public hearing was closed.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Consider approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the front porch light fixture located at 1008 Cedar Street, Applicant Michael Ohrt, Case CA-11-19

Motion was made by Linda Williams to approve the certificate of appropriateness as presented, seconded by Mary Alice Largent. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Consider approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness to construct a detached metal carport located at 919 N. Mallard Street, Applicant Michael B. Dear, Case CA-11-20

Planner Jeffrey Lyons advised the commission that staff did not receive a rendering with the application. Motion was made by Mary Alice Largent to postpone action on the certificate of appropriateness until the applicant submits more information, seconded by Marti Moronko. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Consider approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the existing tin skirting with simulated brick skirting, replace the aluminum siding with vinyl siding and replace four wood windows with aluminum windows located at 201 E. Pine Street, Applicant Grady Sanderlin, Case CA-11-21

Motion was made by Linda Williams to approve the installation of simulated brick skirting and replacement of four windows with matching aluminum windows, and to defer action on replacement of the siding, seconded by Paul Priestner. The owner was advised to report to the commission when he is ready to replace the siding. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Consider approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness to install a faux brick stencil pattern on top of the existing concrete sidewalks located at 201, 205 and 213 W. Crawford Street, Applicant Gregory Champagne, Case CA-11-22
Main Street Manager Laura Westgate reported that J. D. Woodward of Denby's sent an email to withdraw the application. The commission commented that the faux brick stencil pattern is beautiful, but is not appropriate for the historic district. Motion was made by Paul Priestner to deny stenciling on this particular sidewalk, seconded by Linda Williams. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously. The commission advised staff that this should be addressed in the Downtown Master Plan.

Consider further action regarding an approved Certificate of Appropriateness case for the demolition of the residence at 826 N. Tennessee Avenue, Applicant Paul Priestner, Case Number CA-11-14

Development Services Director Warren Oakley advised the commission that the demolition permit is good for six months, and supersedes the previous recommendation by the commission. He also advised that the city code allows for an extension. Chairperson Julie Abston advised that for future reference, the commission has the authority to grant a certificate of appropriateness for demolition, but does not have the authority to place a time limitation on completion of the demolition. Motion was made by Linda Williams to postpone further action regarding the approved certificate of appropriateness, seconded by Marti Moronko. Upon vote, motion passed 5-0, with Paul Priestner abstaining from the vote.

STAFF REPORT

Planner Jeffrey Lyons reported that the City Council wants to see a side-by-side comparison of the old and new Historic Preservation ordinances. He also provided an update on the progress of previous certificates of appropriateness. He advised the commission that staff would take over the responsibility of putting up historic preservation and beautification awards.

ADJOURN

With no other business to come before the commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:09 PM.

Julie Abston, Chair

Janelle Williams, City Secretary