



**HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Tuesday, March 22, 2011 4:00 PM**

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City of Palestine §

The Historic Landmarks Commission of the City of Palestine, Texas met on Monday, February 22, 2011 4:00 p.m., at City Hall City Council Chambers, 504 N. Queen Street, Palestine, Texas with the following people present:

Julie Abston, Chair  
Linda Williams, Commissioner

Paul Priestner, Vice Chair  
Marti Moronko, Commissioner (4:04)

Participated in a Discussion:  
Wendy Ellis, Economic Development Director  
Bobby Patel, Owner of the TexAnn Hotel  
Bun Price, Contractor

A quorum of the Historic Landmarks Commission was present.

**REGULAR MEETING**

The Historic Landmarks Commission of the City of Palestine, Texas began with the regular session on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 4:17 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 504 N. Queen Street, Palestine, Texas. Meeting called to order by Julie Abston.

The meeting was handed over to Vice Chair, Paul Priestner.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Commission reviewed and discussed the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 22, 2011. Motion made by Linda Williams to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Marti Moronko. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously 4-0.

## **REGULAR AGENDA-DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

Discussion and possible action for the amendment of Historical Landmark Ordinance O-21-09 for the TexAnn Hotel at 805 E. Palestine Ave. to landmark the sign instead of whole property.

The staff has not yet received direction on how to amend a landmark ordinance from the City Attorney and recommends that the Commission postpone action.

Motion made by Linda Williams to postpone action for amending the Historical Landmark Ordinance O-21-09 for 90 days, seconded by Julie Abston. Upon vote, motion passed 4-0.

Consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the TexAnn Hotel at 805 E. Palestine Ave. to demolition the storage building. Case Number CA-11-01.

Commissioner Paul Priestner met with Bobby Patel, owner of the Tex-Ann Hotel, to look at the storage building. He found the building to be original and was a restroom and a pool house. The building does not have a separate breaker and if you were to get rid of the canopy that attached the hotel office to the outbuilding one would need to bury the electrical lines.

Contractor Bun Price also met with Bobby Patel regarding the building. Mr. Price says to salvage the building the roof would need to be completely replaced and would cost about \$12,000. This estimate did not include electrical repairs and costs. He is in favor for demolishing the building.

The Patels would have to do the work themselves to the building.

Motion made by Linda Williams to allow demolition for the storage building at the Tex-Ann Hotel at 805 E. Palestine Ave., seconded by Marti Moronko. Upon vote, motion passed 4-0.

Discussion with Planning and Zoning Commission representative and possible action on Historic Preservation Ordinance.

Historic preservation officer, Wendy Ellis, gave a brief summary of the steps the Commission has gone through rewriting the ordinance. The Commission began rewriting the ordinance several months ago. After the first draft was completed it, the document was sent to the Texas Historic Commission for review. The THC made suggestions about what to add, change and how to arrange. The document was changed using some of the suggestions by the THC and then sent to the City Attorney. The City Attorney asked the Commission to look over the ordinance again and to make it into an outline and then he could put it in ordinance form. At the same time Planning and Zoning was reviewing the document.

Jamie Kraft, chair for the Planning and Zoning Commission, explained his changes and suggestions to the board. He said that Planning and Zoning would be ready to go to council with the revised development code within two of their own meetings.

A work session was schedule for April 4 to discuss the Historic Preservation Ordinance. No action taken.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

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Registration for the THC Annual Conference

Mary Alice Largent, Paul Priestner and Marti Moronko have been registered for the Texas Historic Commission Annual Conference in Austin and have hotel reservations.

Update on the Historic Preservation Officer Position

Council will be considering Scott Reynolds as the Historic Preservation Officer for the City of Palestine. He and his wife will both be working with the Historic Landmark Commission, if selected. They teach at Stephen F. Austin University. Their experience and background is in history and preservation.

**ASK THE COMMISSIONERS OFFICE HOURS REPORT**

Update on current projects and activities

The hours were announced in the newspaper and on facebook.

Marti is making a list of properties that were designated as landmarks that need plaques.

Linda Williams stopped by the house on 109 Gooch and discussed the windows with the owner.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1) Historic Preservation Ordinance**

Information was discussed during regular agenda.

**2) Education Committee**

Met with the Patels to discuss building and looked at a house on Green St.

**3) Design Committee**

None

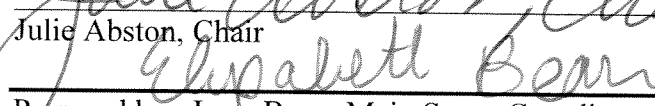
**4) Public Relations/Communication Committee**

Marti will be working on preservation and beautification awards and will be putting the pictures of the buildings in the paper.

**ADJOURN**

Adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

  
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Julie Abston, Chair

  
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