



MINUTES

Landmark Preservation Commission
Regular Session

Council Briefing Room, City Hall
101 W. Abram Street, 3rd Floor

Thursday, June 9, 2016
6:15 p.m.

Commissioners Present

Roger Wehr, Chair
Cheryl Donaldson
Roxanne Thalman
Dorothy Rencurrel

Michelle Canton
Glenn Day
Barbara Reber

Absent

Valle Caldwell
Geraldine Mills

Staff

Sarah Stubblefield
Theresa Wilcox
Lyndsay Mitchell

- I. **Call to Order** – Chair Wehr called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Announcements**

Ms. Stubblefield gave the Commissioners their new name badges, informed them of new policies concerning parking and security in the building during demolition and reconstruction of the Council Chamber, and reminded the Commission to use their microphones when speaking during the meeting.

IV. **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Reber moved to approve the May 12, 2016 minutes with a correction in the Public Forum section. Seconded by Commissioner Thalman, the minutes were approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

V. **Certificate of Appropriateness**

200 W. Main Street – Worthington National Bank

Ms. Stubblefield presented this item as a proposal to remove part of the loading dock on the rear of the building, which was originally built in 1939 as a U.S. Post Office, in order to create two drive-thru bays for banking. There would be no changes to the interior of the historic building.

Present to speak in support of the Certificate of Appropriateness was Anne Fernandez, representing CHS Architects and Greg Morse, representing Worthington National Bank. Also present in support of this item was Mojoy Haddad.

Commissioner Day moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. Seconded by Commissioners Canton and Rencurrel, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

VI. Dangerous Structures

508 Indiana Street / 513 Houston Street

Code Officer Gray noted that the home at 508 Indiana Street, also addressed as 513 Houston Street, was built in 1960. The home is attached to a 1920's accessory structure and both are in deteriorated condition and have a five-year history with Code Enforcement. The structures had been vandalized and stripped of all copper wiring and plumbing, with falling roof rafters, and were boarded up for public safety. The owner of the property, Arlington Ministries Church, has agreed that the home should be demolished and has terminated all water, gas, and electrical service. Ms. Rumans noted that the property was once a grocery store and is a part of Arlington's black history, suggesting that an existing sign for Taylor's Grocery Store be preserved.

Commissioner Canton moved to approve the release of 508 Indiana Street to the City. Seconded by Commissioner Thalman, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

5500 J R Hawkins Road

Code Officer Gray noted that the home at 5500 J R Hawkins Road, located on the border line with the City of Kennedale and also using an Kennedale address, was in very dilapidated condition and had a mobile home attached in front of the primary structure which was also dilapidated. The home was full of debris and barely accessible due to overgrown vegetation. A secondary structure on the property was in danger of collapsing. A family member had recently attempted to clean up the premises, which has no active water or electric service.

Commissioner Day moved to approve the release of 5500 J R Hawkins Road to the City. Seconded by Commissioner Reber, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

VII. Local Marker Application

Historic Cemeteries on Arkansas Lane

Ms. Stubblefield presented a Local Marker Application for Historic Cemeteries on Arkansas Lane.

Commissioner Rencurrel moved to approve recommendation to City Council for a marker for three Historic Cemeteries on Arkansas Lane, the Mill (Creek) Branch Cemetery, Middleton Tate Johnson Family Cemetery, and Arlington's African American Cemetery. Seconded by Vice Chair Donaldson, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

VIII. Work Plan Items

Priority Historic Resources

There were no updates on the Bankhead Highway or Bird's Fort.

New Commissioner Appointments

There would be two vacancies on the Commission in July 2016, and three applications were submitted to the Mayor and City Council.

IX. Historic Preservation Officer Report

509 S. Center Street

Ms. Stubblefield reported that Mr. Imran Khan had sent letters to all the Commissioners regarding the construction at 509 South Center Street, and submitted new elevation plans showing that he was honoring the original home with the new construction by using the old sand stones from the demolished garage.

Policies and Procedures Update

Processes to improve building permits have been updated in regard to the historical review process and issuance of any demolition permits. Properties within the LPC Overlay should come before the Commission for consideration.

X. Public Forum

Ms. Martin inquired about the building permit for 509 South Center Street.

XI. Future Agenda Items – July 14, 2016

Identify historic trees in Arlington in order to preserve and protect them and make plans for the storage and display of the time capsule and outdoor monuments from the Central Library, which was demolished and will be rebuilt in the next two years.

XII. Adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

Chair Wehr adjourned the meeting.



Cheryl Donaldson, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Commission
APPROVED this 14th day of July 2016

