

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
CITY OF MANSFIELD**

October 9, 2018

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1200 East Broad Street, with the meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting, giving date, place, and subject thereof, having been posted as prescribed by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

Present:

Robert Smith	Chairman
David Littlefield	Vice-Chairman
Mark Walker	Commissioner
Justin Gilmore	Commissioner
Lynda Pressley	Commissioner
Houston Mitchell	Commissioner
Ginny Graygor	Commissioner
Rick Weintraub	Commissioner

Absent:

Arnaldo Rivera	Commissioner
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Staff:

Lisa Sudbury	Interim Director of Planning
Art Wright	Planner
Delia Jones	Secretary

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

Chairman Smith called for approval of the minutes of the August 28, 2018, meeting. Commissioner Weintraub made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Graygor seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

HLC#18-003: Public Hearing to consider a request for new fencing and a replacement marker for the Perry Cemetery located at 2001 Ragland Road

Joe Bailey, the applicant, gave a brief presentation and was available for questions

Chairman Smith opened the public hearing and called for anyone wishing to speak to come forward.

Lannie Lake stated that he received a property owner notification of the request and he has no objection to the new fencing.

Seeing no one else come forward to speak, Chairman Smith closed the public hearing.

Vice-Chairman Littlefield made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Discussion on a recognition program as authorized by Section 5400.J.4 of the Zoning Ordinance

Mr. Wright stated that in keeping with the Commission's goals of identifying historic resources and promoting the work of the Commission, the Commission may wish to establish a recognition program to honor historic resources. He noted that a recognized property would not be a designated landmark and the owner is not obligated to comply with the design guidelines or seek approval from the Commission for changes to the recognized property. He explained that a recognition program can be used to promote awareness of the need for preservation among the owners of historic properties and may encourage owners to apply for landmark status.

Discussion on the Historic Mansfield Grant Program

Mr. Wright stated that on September 12, 2018, City Council approved the Commission's request for \$10,000 from the City hotel/motel tax to fund the Historic Preservation Grant Program. The intent of the

program is to fund projects that will restore, maintain and extend the life of historic buildings. Staff believes that 302 E. Broad Street and 309 Elm Street should be high priorities and is seeking the Commission's guidance in establishing a priority list for historic properties to be considered for the grant program. Staff is also working with Priscilla Sanchez, Volunteer Coordinator for the City of Mansfield, regarding a partnership with some of the City's volunteer groups. He added that the volunteer group's contribution may qualify as the property owner's matching funds

Commission Announcements

Vice-Chairman Littlefield noted a recent newspaper article about former HLC member and now Council Member Julie Short and her husband Stoney Short, and their tireless efforts in Mansfield. Chairman Smith noted the new homes being built by Mr. Short are blending in with the historic neighborhoods. Commissioner Pressley stated that the City has assumed responsibility for the McKnight building. She also noted that Museum Manager, Vern Raven has retired.

Staff Comments

Mr. Wright distributed copies of the 1999 Preservation Plan to the Commissioners.

Adjournment

With no further business, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Robert Smith, Chairman

ATTEST:

Delia Jones, Secretary