

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
CITY OF MANSFIELD**

February 13, 2020

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 5:35p.m. in the Council Chambers at 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
Lynda Pressley	Commissioner
Mark Walker	Commissioner
Justin Gilmore	Commissioner
Rick Weintraub	Commissioner
Amanda Kowalski	Commissioner

Absent:

Houston Mitchell	Commissioner
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Staff:

Art Wright	Planner
Delia Jones	Secretary

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

Chairman Smith called for approval of the minutes of the December 12, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Pressley made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Weintraub seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Citizen Comments

None

Public Hearing

HLC#20-001: Public Hearing to consider a request for a Historic Landmark Overlay District designation for the Ralph S. Man Homestead located at 604 W. Broad Street

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

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

After discussion, Vice-Chairman Littlefield made a motion to approve the requested designation for 604 W. Broad Street. Commissioner Kowalski seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Discussion

HLC#20-002: Discussion and possible action regarding potential landmark status for the old Mansfield High School and Rock Gym located at 605 E. Broad Street

Mr. Wright stated that the High School was built in 1924 and the Old Rock Gym was built in 1940. These former educational facilities are now part of the MISD's administration complex.

After discussion, Vice-Chairman Littlefield made a motion to proceed with inviting MISD to designate the old High School and Old Rock Gym as Mansfield historic landmarks. Seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, the motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Other Agenda Items

A. Preservation Month Sub-Committee Update

Vice-Chairman Littlefield and Commissioner Walker stated that Preservation Month is still scheduled for May 2020 and the sub-committee is working on several events to promote preservation.

Commissioner Gilmore made a motion to approve the sub-committee's Preservation Month program. Commissioner Pressley seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

B. HLC#19-011: Consideration of Possible Changes to the City's Historic Markers

Mr. Wright stated that he has received estimates from the Award Center for two options for medallions; (1) 12 inch diameter aluminum for approximately \$750, and (2) 12 inch diameter for approximately \$558. He added that he has contacted Waxahachie's supplier to see if they are able to replicate the current marker design in aluminum.

C. Public Engagement:

1. This Is Us: A Mansfield History Project

Mr. Wright stated that this project is a joint effort of the Planning Department, the Mansfield Public Library and the Mansfield Historical Museum and Heritage Center. He noted that the program is designed to collect citizens' stories, memories and experiences about growing up, going to school, working and living in Mansfield. He encouraged Commissioners to add their stories to the program.

Commission Announcements

Commissioner Weintraub recommended changing the meeting dates for March due to Spring Break and April due to the First Day of Passover.

Chairman Smith made a motion to move the March 12 meeting to March 19. Vice-Chairman Littlefield seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Chairman Smith made a motion to move the April 9 meeting to April 16. Commissioner Gilmore seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Staff Announcements

Mr. Wright stated that the Patterson-Rydell home is now designated as #26 on the Historic Register and the Man House is designated as #27. Mr. Wright added that Texas Health Resources has donated \$20,000 to the Volunteer Program.

Adjournment

With no further business, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Robert A. Smith, Chairman

ATTEST:

Art Wright, Planner II/HPO