

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
CITY OF MANSFIELD**

January 10, 2017

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Planning Department Conference Room 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
Julie Short	Commissioner
Cynthia Gardner	Commissioner
Brent Parker	Commissioner
Lynda Pressley	Commissioner

Absent:

Justin Gilmore	Commissioner
Arnaldo Rivera	Commissioner

Staff:

Felix Wong	Director of Planning
Art Wright	Planner
Delia Jones	Secretary

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

Chairman Smith called for approval of the minutes of the October 25, 2016, meeting. Commissioner Short made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

HLC#17-001: Public hearing on new signage for the historic landmark known as the Southland Ice Company Building at 131 N. Main Street

The applicant was not available, therefore, Mr. Wong gave a brief overview of the request and was available for questions.

Chairman Smith stated that he will abstain from discussion and voting as he is co-owner of the building.

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 request as presented. Commissioner Short seconded the motion. Before the vote was taken, Mr. Wong stated that the motion should be amended to include future lighting to illuminate the new signage.

At this time, Commissioner Short made a motion to amend the original motion to include future lighting for the new signage. Vice-Chairman Littlefield seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 5 to 0, with an abstention by Chairman Smith. Commissioner Pressley was not present for the vote.

The original motion was restated with the amendment and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, with an abstention by Chairman Smith. Commissioner Pressley was not present for the vote.

Commission Announcements

Commissioner Short stated that she has spoken with two Council Members regarding the speed limit through downtown and they are in complete agreement that the speed limit should be lowered. Mr. Wong added that the future plans for Main Street will be adjusting the speed limit to approximately 10-15 mph slower and in time, the trucks coming through downtown will be rerouted.

Commissioner Pressley arrived to the meeting at this time.

Commissioner Pressley was updated on the proceedings and stated that Mansfield residents Curtis and Carrie Chambers are currently renovating the building at 113 N. Main Street and are requesting/welcoming involvement in a “Time Capsule” that they plan on placing inside a wall in their building on the evening of February 16, 2017. Commissioner Pressley also distributed an informational sheet with more details.

Staff Comments

Mr. Wong stated that the projected opening for the first phase of Main Street Lofts is September 2017; the Lot has not been as well attended as he had hoped but in time, as people become more aware of it, the attendance will increase; the status of the sale of the Theatre is in limbo at this time; song writer Richard Lee, will be performing at the theatre on February 10; Dirty Jobs Brewery will open in 2017; and the Historic Landmark plaque for the Chamber of Commerce is nearing completion.

Adjournment

With no further business, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Robert Smith, Chairman

ATTEST:

Delia Jones, Secretary