

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
CITY OF MANSFIELD**

**March 14, 2019**

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
Lynda Pressley	Commissioner
Arnaldo Rivera	Commissioner
Rick Weintraub	Commissioner

**Absent:**

Justin Gilmore	Commissioner
Ginny Graygor	Commissioner
Houston Mitchell	Commissioner

**Staff:**

Art Wright	Planner
Delia Jones	Secretary
Shelly Lanners	Deputy City Manager

**Approval of Last Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Smith called for approval of the minutes of the January 10, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Pressley made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

**Other Agenda Items**

**Consideration of alternate historic properties for the Historic Preservation Grant Program**

Mr. Wright explained that there had been some difficulties with the initial properties that the Commission selected to offer a grant. Mr. Wright reported that the issues for the house at 302 E. Broad Street had been cleared up, but the owner of 309 Elm Street was hesitant to participate because of the restrictions that are placed on a landmark property. Mr. Wright recommended that the Commission select a few alternate properties in case the first two owners did not participate in the grant program. After discussion, Vice-Chairman Littlefield made a motion to nominate the following properties as alternates for the grant program, in the order listed:

202 W. Oak Street  
301 W. Broad Street  
405 W. Kimball Street  
106 N. 1st Avenue  
205 S. 2nd Avenue

Commissioner Rivera seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

**Discussion**

**Update on the Ralph S. Man Homestead Restoration project**

Mr. Wright stated that funding has been approved for the Man Homestead. He noted that a qualified Construction Manager will be chosen for the restoration. He noted and they must be qualified to bid the project and will be interviewed based on those qualifications. He added that the opening of the dog park was intended to coincide when the Man House is presentable.

**Mansfield Historical Museum and Heritage Center and Historic Preservation Advisory Board**

Mr. Wright stated that the City now owns the Museum and recently hired Jessica Baber as the Museum Director. Ms. Lanners stated that Ms. Baber was hired in February and has a Masters Degree in Museum Science.

#### **Update on the Historic Resources Survey Volunteers**

Mr. Wright informed the Commission that the Historic Resources Survey from 1998, was in need of an update. As an initial step, Mr. Wright said he had worked with Priscilla Sanchez, the City's Volunteer Coordinator, to employ some of her volunteers in taking photographs and filling out a short survey for each historic property in the downtown area. This information provides the City with the current status and appearance of its historic resources. The Commissioners agreed that the volunteers should be recognized at an upcoming meeting for their efforts.

#### **Commission Announcements**

Chairman Smith and Mr. Wright gave an update on the Citizens Bank of Britton. On March 12, 2019, most of the building was destroyed by a storm. The only thing remaining at this time is the front façade and a vault inside the rear portion of the building. Mr. Wright informed the Commissioner that City management was interested in a recommendation from the Commission on what to do with the building. The Commissioners discussed the options of restoring the building using new materials, saving certain features of the building prior to demolition, such as the Citizens Bank sign over the door, or attempting to retain the front façade and vault. After discussion, Commissioner Weintraub made a motion to recommend saving the front façade, a portion of the side wall still remaining, and the vault; to convert the property to a pocket park; and to name the park after the owner's family. Commissioner Pressley seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

Commissioner Rivera stated that there is a "time capsule" located in a corner of the Mansfield Masonic Lodge Building, 101 North Main Street, and it is his understanding that it will be opened some time in the near future. He stated that as soon as he finds out the date he will let everyone know.

#### **Staff Comments**

Mr. Wright stated that he is pleased to present the first brochure ever produced by the Historic Landmark Commission through the Historic Mansfield Preservation Grant Program. He noted that it is titled "Historic Mansfield, Texas/The Art of Historic Architecture/A Walking Tour of Historic Downtown". The brochure features 16 historic homes with a detailed description of each along with other interesting facts about Mansfield.

#### **Adjournment**

With no further business, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

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Robert A. Smith, Chairman

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Delia Jones, Secretary