

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
CITY OF MANSFIELD**

April 11, 2019

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 5:35 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
Justin Gilmore	Commissioner
Ginny Graygor	Commissioner
Rick Weintraub	Commissioner

Absent:

Arnaldo Rivera	Commissioner
Houston Mitchell	Commissioner

Staff:

Art Wright	Planner
Delia Jones	Secretary

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

Chairman Smith called for approval of the minutes of the March 14, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Weintraub made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Graygor seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Public Hearing

HLC#19-001: Public hearing to consider a request to allow a 4-foot iron fence on three sides and an 8-foot masonry wall on the fourth side of the Perry Cemetery located at 2001 Ragland Road.

Joe Bailey and Rosanna Simpson, applicant and descendants of the Perry Family, gave an overview of the request and were available for questions. Kirk Smith was also available for questions.

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

Lannie Lake stated that he supports the request and added that they will be going around a couple of 200 year old trees and hopes precautions will be used when installing the fence. Kirk Smith stated that the precast wall will be maintained by the development's Property Owners Association.

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

After discussion, Vice-Chairman Littlefield made a motion to approve the request with the condition that an 8-foot precast will be constructed to match the wall on the adjacent commercial property; the Home Owners Association will be responsible for maintenance of the wall; and Kirk Smith will add this to the HOA Bylaws. Commissioner Pressley seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Other Agenda Items

HLC#19-002: Consideration of the Historic Preservation Tax Exemption Program

Mr. Wright stated that Jeff Law, Chief Appraiser for the Tarrant Appraisal District (TAD), has reviewed our draft historic preservation tax exemption ordinance and based on this review believes that TAD and the City will be able to work together to establish a preservation tax exemption program. The Commissioners directed Mr. Wright to revise the draft tax exemption policy document to clarify the penalty provisions if a property owner removes the "H" Historic Landmark Overlay District designation before the end of the 10-year exemption period and to bring the program back for further consideration at the Commission's next meeting.

HLC#19-003: Consideration of changes to the Historic Paint Color guidelines

Mr. Wright gave an overview of the guidelines. He noted that paint selection for a landmark building should be determined by its original color scheme and/or the era in which the building was constructed. He added that by expanding the color palette, a property owner will have more color choices while keeping an appropriate color scheme.

After discussion, Commissioner Gilmore made a motion to approve the addition of the Benjamin Moore Historic Color Palette (in addition to the Sherwin-Williams palette), to the City's approved historic paint colors. Vice-Chairman Littlefield seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Update on the Citizens Bank of Britton building

Mr. Wright stated that the property owner had removed the front façade of the building. The owner had also agreed to lend the Mansfield Historical Museum the Citizens Bank sign and a brick from the building.

Commission Announcements

Commissioner Walker stated that that the "time capsule" opening is still approximately a year out and he will keep the Commission informed as soon as he knows the date.

Staff Comments

None

Adjournment

With no further business, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Robert A. Smith, Chairman

ATTEST:

Delia Jones, Secretary