



CITY OF MANSFIELD

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Historic Landmark Commission

Thursday, March 11, 2021

5:30 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

This meeting was open to the public and conducted by video conferencing with access to the public.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m. in the Council Chamber 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. Commissioner Walker, and Kowalski were present virtually. Commissioner Pressley had technical difficulties log into the meeting.

Staff Present:

Art Wright, Planner/HPO

Jennifer Johnston, Development Coordinator

Commissioners:

Absent 2 - Lynda Pressley and Bob Klenzendorf

Present 5 - Amanda Kowalski; Mark Walker; David Littlefield; Robert Smith and Thomas Leach

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[21-3949](#)

Minutes - Approval of the January 13, 2021 Historic Landmark Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Leach made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Vice-Chairman Littlefield seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mark Walker; David Littlefield; Robert Smith and Thomas Leach

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Lynda Pressley and Bob Klenzendorf

Abstain: 1 - Amanda Kowalski

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Commissioner Pressley joined the meeting at this time.

There were no citizen comments

Absent 1 - Bob Klenzendorf

Present 6 - Amanda Kowalski; Mark Walker; David Littlefield; Lynda Pressley; Robert Smith and Thomas Leach

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

[20-3900](#)

HLC#20-010: Discussion and Possible Action on Changes to the City's Historic Markers

After a short discussion, Vice Chairman Littlefield made a motion to recommend the aluminum marker be the approved marker for landmark properties. Commissioner Leach seconded the motion which carried by the following votes:

Aye: 6 - Amanda Kowalski; Mark Walker; David Littlefield; Lynda Pressley; Robert Smith and Thomas Leach

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Bob Klenzendorf

Abstain: 0

[21-3950](#)

HLC#21-001: Discussion on a plan for a potential Mansfield Historic Village

Mr. Wright gave a presentation on the Blessing Funeral Home and Pond Branch properties as potential sites for the village. He also recommended that other locations be considered.

After a short discussion, Vice Chairman Littlefield made a motion to recommend the following: 1) buildings in the Historic Village should date from 1870 to 1930 with exceptions for special cases; 2) staff should investigate the possibility of locating the village at the Harrison property on Oak St; and 3) that staff consider the reuse of the 1922 Auto bridge as part of the Park trail System. Commissioner Leach seconded the motion which carried by the following votes:

Aye: 6 - Amanda Kowalski; Mark Walker; David Littlefield; Lynda Pressley; Robert Smith and Thomas Leach

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Bob Klenzendorf

Abstain: 0

5. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

A. Preservation Month Sub-Committee Report and Discussion

Vice-Chairman Littlefield presented an overview of the Preservation Month Sub-Committee meeting and described the events planned for Preservation Month 2021, including the following:

- Mansfield Historical Museum will have a Special Exhibit from May 1-31.
- Guided Walking Tours of Historic Mansfield – Each Saturday in May.
- Man House is set to be open every Friday and Saturday in May.
- Mansfield ISD Historic Poster Contest May 3-7.
- Historic Recognition Day Ceremony May 8th.
- Bike/Run Event with the proceeds going to help repair lower income homes in Mansfield May 16th.
- May 21-23 Shop Historic Mansfield Weekend

Commission agreed to the City supply posters with the histories of the Downtown Building.

B. Work Program Items

[21-3982](#)

HLC#21-002: Discussion on CLG Training for NACP Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program

Mr. Wright gave a brief overview of the programs for the June or August session.

C. Public Engagement Program Update

Mr. Wright presented the Historic Preservation page on the Cities website; which includes a virtual tour the Man House Museum.

6. COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Smith announced he will be absent at the June 10, 2021 meeting.

7. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

8. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

With no further business, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m

Dr. Robert A. Smith, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jennifer Johnston, Development Coordinator