

**Historic Landmark Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2020**

Members Present

Chair Yvonne Hoffmann
Vice Chair Bonnie Leitch
Katie Totman
Thomas Tumlinson
Susan Sonier
Teresa Johnson

Staff Present

Caleb Gasparek, Assistant Planner
Chris Looney, Planning Director
Nathan Brown, Assistant City Attorney

Members Absent

Nathan Feingold
Melinda Poss
Joel Rector

1. The above meeting was called to order by Chair Hoffmann at 8:30 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll was called, and a quorum was declared.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Hoffmann approved the September 8, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.

4. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

None.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A) HST20-154 Discuss and consider a request for a Certificate of Alteration to demolish a circa 1930 garage, to construct a new 1-story detached garage, and to construct a detached pergola and fireplace on the property currently addressed as 205 S. Academy Avenue, which is located in the Sophienburg Hill Historic District.

Applicant: Carol Wheeler; Case Manager: Caleb Gasparek, Assistant Planner

Mr. Gasparek presented and noted that the applicant has withdrawn the request for the fireplace. Mr. Gasparek recommended approval of the request.

Vice Chair Leitch asked if the siding would be constructed of board and batten or hardie board.

Carol Wheeler, 205 S Academy Ave, stated that the siding would be hardie board but mimic the look of board and batten.

Motion by Vice Chair Leitch, seconded by Commissioner Sonier, to approve the request to demolish the garage, construct the new 1-story garage, and to construct the detached pergola on the property addressed as 205 S Academy Ave, which is located in the Sophienburg Hill Historic District. Motion carried (6-0-0).

B) HST20-213 Discuss and consider a request for a Certificate of Alteration to attach 2 hanging signs on the awning of the L.A. Hoffmann Building currently addressed as 165 S. Seguin Avenue, which is located in the Downtown Historic District.

Applicant: Drew Freiley; Case Manager: Caleb Gasparek, Assistant Planner

Mr. Gasparek presented on a brief history of the L.A. Hoffmann Building and the applicant's request. Mr.

Gasparek recommended approval.

Commissioner Tumlinson asked if the orientation of the sign is perpendicular to the street.

Mr. Gasparek stated that is correct.

Chair Hoffmann asked if the applicant is requesting 1 or 2 signs.

Mr. Gasparek stated that there are 2 signs proposed.

Motion by Commissioner Tumlinson, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the applicant's request to attach 2 hanging signs on the awning of the L.A. Hoffmann Building addressed as 165 S. Seguin Ave, which is located in the Downtown Historic District. Motion carried (6-0-0).

C) HST20-144 Discuss and consider a request for a Certificate of Alteration to construct a new residential building and a detached accessory dwelling on the property currently addressed as 464 S. Academy Avenue, which is located in the Sophienburg Historic District.

Applicant: Stephen & Julie Swearingen; Case Manager: Caleb Gasparek, Assistant Planner

Mr. Gasparek presented the case and stated that the case was previously approved by the Historic Landmark Commission to construct the main building but not the rear accessory dwelling. Mr. Gasparek stated they are now requesting approval of the rear accessory dwelling with some minor changes to what was approved to the main building.

Discussion followed regarding the changes and size of the lot.

Vice Chair Leitch stated that the case was reviewed by the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the main building and accessory dwelling all fit within the setbacks of the lot.

Motion by Vice Chair Leitch, seconded by Chair Hoffmann, to approve the applicant's request to construct a new residential building and detached accessory dwelling on the property currently addressed as 464 S. Academy Avenue, which is located in the Sophienburg Hill Historic District. Motion carried (6-0-0).

D) DM2020-2515 discuss and consider a potential historic landmark designation for the property currently addressed as 674 W. Edgewater Terrace, in response to an application for demolition.

Applicant: David Mills, Owner: Evy Kay Washburne; Case Manager: Caleb Gasparek, Assistant Planner

Mr. Gasparek presented the case and gave a background of the Historic Preservation ordinance regarding demolitions, a background of the building's architecture, and the history of the Swartwout family that resided in the house from 1938 to 2003.

Commissioner Tumlinson stated that he did not understand why the property is significant.

Mr. Gasparek reiterated the 6 criteria for designation.

Chair Hoffmann and Vice Chair Leitch stated that they believed the property met criteria 3, 4, and 5.

Chair Hoffmann asked if the structure could be incorporated into the new design, stating that there has been a loss of these types of homes in the Landa Park Estates neighborhood.

David Mills, builder for the owner, stated that they considered incorporating the building into the design, but that the setbacks of the property and narrow lot size would make it difficult to build behind the structure.

Evy Kay Washburne, 674 W. Edgewater Terrace, stated that they have looked at incorporating the building in the design but found it not to be feasible.

Motion by Vice Chair Leitch, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to initiate landmark designation proceedings for the property at 674 W. Edgewater Terrace, in response to a demolition permit. Motion carried (5-0-1 Tumlinson in opposition).

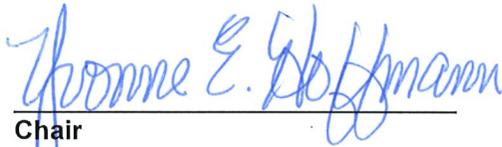
6. STAFF REPORT

A) Update on the nomination for Landa Park & Wurstfest Grounds to the National Register of Historic Places.

Mr. Gasparek stated that the Texas Historical Commission reviewed the county's request to nominate Landa Park & the Wurstfest and did not recommend approval of the nomination. The county has since withdrawn the nomination.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Hoffmann adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m.



Chair



Date

