

**Historic Landmark Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2023**

Members Present

Chair Teresa Johnson
Vice-Chair Nathan Feingold
Justin Ball
Richard Hillyer
Joan Pasquali
Joel Rector
Christi Sims
Thomas Tumlinson
Susan Sonier

Staff Present

Christopher J. Looney, Director of Planning and Development Services
Jean Drew, Planning & Development Services, Assistant Director
Nathan Brown, Assistant City Attorney
Colton Barker, Assistant Planner

Members Absent

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:34am.

1. ROLL CALL

Roll was called, and a quorum was declared.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Hillyer, seconded by Commissioner Ball, to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 10, 2023. Motion carried (0-0-0).

3. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No one spoke.

4. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A) **DM2022-4509: Determine whether the residential structure located at 664 S Seguin meets the historic landmark eligibility criteria in response to a demolition permit request. *Presented by Jean Drew, Planning and Development Services Assistant Director***

Jean Drew presented the staff report.

Chair Johnson asked if there were any questions for staff.

Commissioner Tumlinson asked if there were consideration for salvaging any materials or relocation of the building to another site.

Jean Drew state that was not discussed.

Vice-Chair Feingold stated that the applicant said he would salvage the materials the last time he was before this commission.

Discussion followed on the potential for salvaging materials.

Commissioner Hillyer asked for clarification on if the building out front was set for demolition.

Jean Drew confirmed.

Commissioner Hillyer stated he could not see any problems.

Chair Johnson invited the applicant to speak on the request.

No one spoke.

Chair Johnson opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak.

No one spoke.

Chair Johnson closed the public hearing.

Chair Johnson asked if there were further discussion or a motion.

Motion by Commissioner Hillyer, seconded by Commissioner Sonier, to deny the designation of historic landmark eligibility to a residential structure located at 664 S Seguin Avenue in response to a demolition permit request. Motion carried (9-0-0).

B) HST23-045: Public hearing and consideration for a Certificate of Alteration to add exterior lighting, remove window A/C units and awnings, and paint and repair the windows at the Faust Hotel located at 240 S Seguin. Presented by Jean Drew, Planning and Development Services Assistant Director

Jean Drew presented the staff report.

Chair Johnson asked if there were any questions for staff.

No one spoke.

Chair Johnson invited the applicant to speak on the request.

TJ Grossi, 1301 Amanda, representing the owner, elaborated on the request stating the existing windows were altered previously, idea of darker color frames would help draw out the detail put into the window.

Commissioner Pasquali asked if black was the original color.

Chair Johnson asked if the applicant was working with the Texas Historical Board.

TJ Grossi replied yes, they had been in talks with them.

Commissioner Pasquali asked what was original to the hotel.

TJ Grossi stated it was a tan color that had been painted over.

Commissioner Pasquali asked if the windows had been welded shut.

TJ Grossi replied yes.

Vice-Chair Feingold asked if the applicant had plans for central air conditioning.

TJ Grossi responded yes.

Vice-Chair Feingold asked if there were plans for windows to be operable again.

TJ Grossi answered no.

Chair Johnson opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak.

No one spoke.

Chair Johnson closed the public hearing.

Chair Johnson asked if there were further discussion or a motion.

Motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Tumlinson, to approve a Certificate of Alteration to add exterior lighting, remove window A/C units and awnings, and paint and repair the windows at the Faust Hotel located at 240 S Seguin. Motion carried (8-1-0) with Commissioner Pasquali in opposition.

5. Staff Report

A) Staff Presentation on Demolition by Neglect.

Item was postponed.

B) Texas Historical Commission CLG Grant Update.

Item was postponed.

C) Update from the Comal County Historical Commission,

Quick update from Chair Johnson regarding markers in city limits. Chair Johnson discussed the following: a dedication on Saturday, February 18, 2020, 2021 marker applications, market plaza, Texas Historical Commission, Comal Cemetery resubmitted, other 2022 markers, founder of Wurstfest, 2023 marker applications, Mission Hill, Eagles Hall, Our Lady of Perpetual Health, and Santiago Cemetery on Peace Avenue.

Commissioner Sonier asked why w verbiage would not be approved.

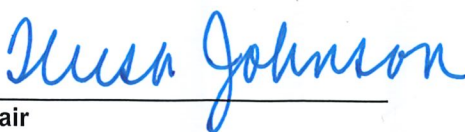
Chair Johnson replied mainly if its incorrect.

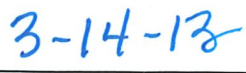
Discussion followed on cemeteries.

Chair Johnson stated that they had a survey of every cemetery in the county that had been reported to the Comal County Historical Commission.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:54am.


Chair


Date