

**Historic Landmark Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2020**

Members Present

Chair Yvonne Hoffmann
Vice Chair Bonnie Leitch
Nathan Feingold
Katie Totman
Melinda Poss
Thomas Tumlinson

Staff Present

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

Members Absent

Nathan Feingold
Teresa Johnson
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 October 13, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.

Commissioner Poss was marked present at 8:32 a.m.

4. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

None.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

None.

6. STAFF REPORT

A) Review, discussion and possible recommendation on draft amendments to the City's Code of Ordinances regarding tree preservation within historic districts and designated historic properties.

Mr. Gasparek presented on the draft ordinance, Sec. 66-69 "Tree Preservation and Protection with Designated Historic Districts and Historic Landmarks".

Discussion followed on potential revisions to the draft ordinance and points of clarification.

Motion by Vice Chair Leitch, seconded by Commissioner Poss, to recommend approval to Planning Commission and City Council the code amendment to The City of New Braunfels Code of Ordinances Sec. 66-69 "Tree Preservation and Protection with Designated Historic Districts and Historic Landmarks" with a request to recommend applicants to provide an arborist report.

Discussion followed.

Motion carried (6-0-0).

B) Discussion of an honorary program to officially recognize buildings and areas in New

Braunfels that have historic value and are important to the community.

Mr. Gasparek presented on the potential creation of a program which recognizes 100-year-old properties in The City of New Braunfels without designating the homes as a Historic Landmarks.

Discussion followed on points in the comprehensive plan which support the creation of the program.

Commission Poss asked if there is an existing survey of fachwerk houses.

Mr. Gasparek stated he can look into if there is an existing survey of this nature.

Discussion followed.

Chair Hoffmann stated her approval to move forward with the creation of a program.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Chair

Date