

**Historic Landmark Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2020**

Members Present

Chair Yvonne Hoffmann
Vice Chair Bonnie Leitch
Susan Sonier
Katie Totman
Nathan Feingold
Melinda Poss
Joel Rector
Thomas Tumlinson
Theresa Johnson

Staff Present

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

Members Absent

None

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 Math 12th, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.

4. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

None.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A) HST20-092 Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council regarding a request for a Certificate of Alteration to construct a rear addition on the existing structure addressed at 546 S Academy Avenue, located in the Sophienburg Hill Historic District. (Applicant: Omar Arriaga; Case Manager: Caleb Gasparek, Assistant Planner)

Mr. Gasparek presented and recommended approval with the recommendation that all conditions approved with HST19-101 will still apply such as removal of the front porch addition, retention of the front porch columns, reusing the existing windows, and retaining siding when feasible.

Commissioner Tumlinson asked if there is a rendering of the front porch once completed.

Mr. Gasparek stated the rendering of the front porch was not provided.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Gasparek stated the addition is being added on to the rear of the structure not visible to the right of way, and a condition of the addition is the removal of the front porch enclosure to reveal the original front porch.

Discussion followed.

Vice Chair Leitch asked if the condition to remove the door is to remove the door of the porch enclosure or the original door.

Mr. Gasparek stated the applicant may be able to answer this question.

Commission Totman asked if this request is strictly for the addition.

Mr. Gasparek stated this is correct.

Mr. Gasparek asked if the applicant was present.

Omar Arriaga, 2802 Timber Dr, Dickinson TX, stated the front porch portion will be completed as permitted previously and the entrance will be rebuilt as it had been completed originally.

Commissioner Tumlinson asked if wood siding or hardiboard would be used for siding.

Mr. Arriaga stated they would be using the same wooden siding as the original structure on the new addition.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Hoffmann asked if there was a motion.

Motion by Commissioner Sonier, seconded by Vice Chair Leitch, to recommend approval of the request for a Certificate of Alteration to construct a rear addition on the existing structure addressed at 546 S Academy Avenue, located in the Sophienburg Hill Historic District. Motion carried (7-0-0).

6. STAFF REPORT

A) Discuss training opportunities for the Historic Landmark Commission

Mr. Gasparek stated training with the Texas Historical Commission is possible following the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Discussion followed.

Chair Hoffmann stated she attended a City of San Antonio training for historic preservation for realtors and felt it was informative and would like to have something similar in New Braunfels to educate the public on historic preservation and the HLC board.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Gasparek asked if Chair Hoffmann could follow up after the meeting to discuss training opportunities.

Discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 8:59 a.m.

Chair

Date