

**Historic Landmark Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2021**

Members Present

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

Staff Present

Caleb Gasparek, Historic Preservation Officer
Sam Hunter, Planning Technician
Chris Looney, Planning & Development
Services Director
Nathan Brown, Assistant City Attorney

Members Absent

Joel Rector
Nathan Feingold

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 February 9, 2021 meeting minutes with revisions.

4. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

None.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A) HST21-127 Discuss and consider a recommendation to the Texas Historical Commission on an application for the National Register of Historic Places of the Main Plaza in the Downtown Historic District. *Caleb Gasparek, Historic Preservation Officer*

Mr. Gasparek presented and recommended approval.

Chair Hoffmann asked if there were any questions for staff.

Discussion followed on the historic origin of main plaza.

Chair Hoffmann asked if there was anyone from the public who would like to speak.

No one spoke.

Chair Hoffmann asked if the Commission had any questions or a motion.

Motion by Commissioner Poss, seconded by Vice Chair Leitch, to recommend approval for the Texas Historical Commission on an application for the National Register of Historic Places of the Main Plaza in the Downtown Historic District.

Motion carried (7-0-0).

6. STAFF REPORT

A) Discussion to consider shifting to in-person/virtual hybrid HLC meetings. *Chris Looney,*

Planning & Development Services Director.

Mr. Looney presented.

Discussion followed on the preference for meetings moving forward.

Vote called by Chair Hoffmann to switch to hybrid in-person/virtual meetings in May (5-0-2).

Discussion followed on potentially reversing this decision in the case the COVID numbers suddenly increase.

B) Update HLC on City's Council's decision regarding the proposed amendments to Chapter 66 regarding the preservation of historic trees.

Mr. Gasparek presented and stated the request had been denied by City Council.

Discussion followed on why the request was denied in this instance and what can be done moving forward.

C) Reserved for any future items the Commission would like to see on the agenda.

Mr. Gasparek stated the possibility of an outreach subcommittee or a public forum being considered on the following agenda.

Discussion followed on social media as a marketing tool and other potential solutions to improve public education on Historic Preservation.

Commissioner Johnson gave a quick update on Historic Preservation activities within the County.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

Chair

Date