

Historic Preservation Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes June 5, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held Wednesday, June 5, 2019 beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 511 Mercer Street, Dripping Springs, Texas.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commission Members present were:

Bruce Lewis, Chair
Emilie Kopp, Vice Chair
Dean Erickson
Doyle Fellers
Minnie Glosson-Needham

Commission Member absent was:

Melissa Starr

City Staff/Appointed Officials present were:

Michelle Fischer, City Administrator
Amanda Padilla, City Planner II
Council Member Taline Manassian
Keenan Smith, Historic Preservation Consultant

II. PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

Floor open to discussion on any subject. No action may be taken by law. Citizens wishing to speak shall do so after being recognized by the Chair. The Chair may establish a time limit on each citizen wishing to speak.

No one spoke during Presentation of Citizens.

III. MINUTES

A. Discuss and consider approval of the May 1, 2019 Historic Preservation Commission regular meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Erikson to approve the May 1, 2019 Historic Preservation Commission regular meeting minutes. Vice Chair Kopp seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

IV. BUSINESS

A. Presentation regarding Proposed Use of the Stephenson Building located at 101 Old Fitzhugh Rd, Dripping Springs, Texas.

Arts Alliance member Jim Martin gave a presentation which is on file. The Arts Alliance is proposing that the City allow the organization use of the Stephenson Building for their activities.

The Commission and Staff discussed the current state of the building and the City's plans to restore the structure. Commissioner Needham is also looking into a historical museum in collaboration with other established Dripping Springs founding families.

Via unanimous consent the Commissioned supported the Arts Alliance proposed use.

B. Discuss and consider approval of COA2019-0005: an Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for the Demolition/Removal of an Existing Building at 304 Mercer Street.

Applicant: Dean Erickson

Commissioner Erickson recused himself from this item and stepped of the dais.

1. Presentation

Dean Erickson presented the item and was available for questions from the Commission.

2. Staff Report

Keenan Smith presented the staff report which is on file. Staff recommends approval of the item.

3. Public Hearing

No one spoke during the Public Hearing.

4. Certificate of Appropriateness

A motion was made by Vice Chair Kopp to approve COA2019-0005: an Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for the Demolition/Removal of an Existing Building at 304 Mercer Street. Commissioner Needham seconded the motion which carried 4 to 1, with Commissioner Erickson recused.

C. Presentation and discussion regarding a Leadership Dripping Springs Proposed Project in an Historic District(s). No action to be taken.

Derrick Adams with Leadership Dripping Springs presented a proposal for signage in the Dripping Springs Mercer Historic District. His signage examples are on file. The sign can be free standing or a painted mural on a building. The idea is to attract visitors to take and share photos of the Dripping Springs sign, promoting the City. The sign would be some type of artist rendering of Dripping Springs similar to the Austin "graffiti wall".

The Commission discussed the project and informed Mr. Adams that his project may require a variance, and that it cannot be painted on a wall per City Ordinance.

D. Update and discussion regarding the draft Historic Site Brochure.

Commissioner Emilie Kopp

Commissioners Needham and Erickson discussed the procurement and digitalization of historic photos of Dripping Springs.

Vice Chair Kopp will contact Mixtape regarding photo format and resolution.

E. Update and discussion regarding the National Registry of Historic Places Plaques and installation of the Mercer Street Historic District Street Signs.

Michelle Fischer presented the item. All of the plaques have been made, and only two are waiting to be installed at sites.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Landscape Committee

1. Heritage Tree Project

Keenan Smith presented the report. The project is waiting on contract approval.

B. Budget Committee

Chair Lewis presented the report. The Committee has met with staff and is working to develop the budget. This should be ready for recommendation at the next meeting.

Michelle Fischer suggested the Committee add Architexas to the budget regarding the Stephenson Building.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Historic Preservation Commission for the City of Dripping Springs has the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matter as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and 551.086 (Economic Development). The Historic Preservation Commission for the City of Dripping Springs may act on any item listed in Executive Session in Open Session or move any item from Executive Session to Open Session for action.

The Commission did not meet in Executive Session.

VII. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- A. Historic Preservation Commission Meetings:
July 3, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.
August 7, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.**

- B. City Council & Board of Adjustment Meetings:**
June 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. (6:00 p.m. Workshop/6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting)
June 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
July 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. (6:00 p.m. Workshop/6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting)

VIII. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Vice Chair Kopp to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Erickson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

This regular meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.