

Historic Preservation Commission
January 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Chair Pamela Sue Anderson, Vice-Chair Sharon Whitaker, Commissioner Blane Conklin, Commissioner Paul Emerson, and Commissioner Patti Jordan. Alternate Commissioner Richard Parson was in the audience.

Absent: None

Staff present: Principal Planner Joelle Jordan and Planning Tech Kerstin Harding

C. Citizen Communication

Frank Darr announced a Lunch and Learn presentation about Old Town Round Rock and the Chisholm Trail on January 16 at the Williamson Museum on the Chisholm Trail. The presentation is co-sponsored by Round Rock Preservation and the Williamson Museum, which hope to make it a quarterly event.

D. Approval of Minutes

D.1 Consider approval of the minutes of the November 13, 2018 Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

Motion: by Commissioner Emerson and Second by Vice-Chair Whitaker to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2018 HPC meeting as submitted.

Vote: Aye: Chair Anderson, Vice-Chair Whitaker, Commissioner Conklin, Commissioner Emerson, and Commissioner Jordan. Nay: none. The vote was 5-0.

E. Certificate of Appropriateness

E.1 Consider an action regarding a Certificate of Appropriateness application for a new door at 10 Chisholm Trail.

Ms. Harding explained that the owner had been making repairs noted on the 2018 tax exemption inspection, and the last remaining item was that the front door had been replaced without a Certificate of Appropriateness (CofA), which he now sought retroactively.

In a brief summary, she explained that the building had been military housing probably from the 1940s, and was moved to its current location in 1966. The building does not have a strong stylistic expression, but blends Minimal Traditional, Ranch, and American Vernacular features. In the 1980s, it was zoned historic as a non-contributing structure in a historic district. The historic district was later repealed, and all properties received Chisholm Trail (CT) overlay zoning. Historically significant properties also received Historic (H) overlay zoning, including this one (which is a little confusing since it had been considered a non-contributing property in the district). At this time the building has been in its current location for 52 years, so it has now acquired some significance in its own right and can be treated as historical mixed-midcentury military housing.

The new door has a strong Craftsman style that was a departure from the rest of the building's mix of midcentury features. Staff had no record of what the previous door had looked like because in all available pictures it was hidden by a screen door with turned-wood details that related to the turned porch columns. The staff recommendation offered a choice of three actions the HPC might take: 1) deny the CofA and specify a less Craftsman, more midcentury door; 2) approve the CofA with the condition that the screen door be reinstalled over the new door; of 3) approve the CofA and allow the new door to remain in place.

Vice-Chair Whitaker had done the 2018 inspection and said that there were *two* new doors on the front with the same Craftsman design. After some searching through digital files staff could not find a photo that included the second door. She said that on her most recent site visit she had also noted that there was a new accessibility ramp at the north end of the front porch, which also had been installed

without a CofA. The Commissioners noticed that in the PowerPoint presentation older photos showed that the front porch used to have a railing and spandrels that are now absent. Ms. Harding explained that sometime between 2013 and 2015 the railing and spandrels on the front porch were removed without a CofA, but since it hadn't been noticed at the time it wasn't included in the current request. Commissioner Emerson asked whether the owner was new, and how long he had participated in the exemption program. Several Commissioners indicated that they wanted to consider all the changes together, and needed more information about the two doors, accessibility ramp and changes to the porch.

Motion: by Commissioner Emerson and Second by Vice-Chair Whitaker to table the application until the next meeting on February 19, 2019, when the HPC will also consider the new ADA ramp on the north side of the porch and the front porch railings and spandrels as well as the doors. He also requested that staff ask the applicant whether he still had the screen door and to provide photos of the doors that were replaced by February 5, 2019.

Vote: Aye: Chair Anderson, Vice-Chair Whitaker, Commissioner Conklin, Commissioner Emerson, and Commissioner Jordan. Nay: none. The vote was 5-0.

F. Appointments

F.1 Consider the appointment of the 2019 Local Legend Selection Committee

Ms. Harding reported that six applications were submitted, all from people who had previously served on the Selection Committee. She noted that at the September work session the Commissioners had discussed possible changes, including having more members, having the HPC be more involved in outreach planning, and/or having a Commissioner as a member of the selection committee. The Commission discussed appointments and decided that it was desirable to add Alternate Commissioner Parson to the Selection Committee. Frank Darr, who had been the previous Alternate Commissioner also volunteered to join the selection committee. The Commissioners were slightly concerned about having an even number on the committee, so they decided to continue accepting applications for a ninth member until Local Legend nominations close May 31 and the selection process begins.

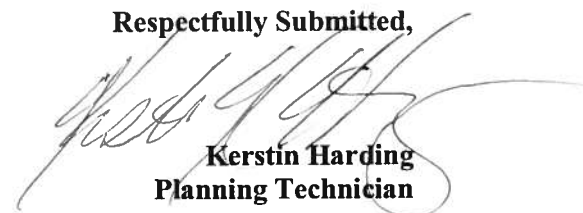
Motion: by Commissioner Conklin and Second by Commissioner Jordan to approve the appointment of the following to the 2019 Selection Committee: Kamali Barron, Frank Darr, Jesus Franco, Jen Henderson, Richard Parson, Dale Ricklefs, Audrey Simmons, and Tina Steiner.

Vote: Aye: Chair Anderson, Vice-Chair Whitaker, Commissioner Conklin, Commissioner Emerson, and Commissioner Jordan. Nay: none. The vote was 5-0.

G. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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