

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MEETING

Meeting Minutes

The City of Bastrop Historic Landmark Commission met Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at 6:04 p.m. in the Bastrop City Council Chambers, 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Commissioners:

Blake Kaiser, Chair	Absent
Pablo Serna, Vice-Chair	Absent
Susan Long	Present

Janean Whitten	Present
Cheryl Long	Present
Sharah Johnson	Present (recused for Item 3C)

City Council Liaison:

Drusilla Rogers	Absent
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Staff:

Jennifer Long	Present
Debra Adams	Present
Shirley Ellis	Present

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

3A Consider action to approve meeting minutes from the April 20, 2022, Historic Landmark Commission Regular Meeting.

Sharah Johnson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the April 22, 2022, Historic Landmark Commission meeting. Janean Whitten seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

3B. Consider action on a Certificate of Appropriateness for Demolition, to demolish a detached garage and covered walkway, being 0.636 acres out of Farm Lot 18 East of Main Street, located at 1303 Pecan Street, known as the Klockman-Elznerr/Prince Elzner House.

Jennifer Bills presented the item to the Commission. Photos were provided. Building Layout was provided. General Contractor, Marc Merino was present for questions and answers.

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Discussion commenced between Staff and Commission.

Citizen comments were made:

Monica Welsh, 1204 Pecan Street – Why are they tearing down the garage? Per contractor client wants to build a mother-in-law house. Ms. Welsh asked if the mother-in-law will be living there? Per contractor, not at this time. Ms. Welsh asked why they are going to build if not a mother-in-law; is it going to be a short-term lease?? No short-term lease as of right now. With the school being close, where are people going to park for now? Per contractor initial plan was just for the house and leaving the driveway where it is. Curious as to why a letter was sent. Jennifer advised that we are required to send the notice out for demolitions that affect a historically designated property. Shirley reviewed the short-term rental regulations and the limits. Biggest concern is what will happen if an short-term rent (AirBnB) is allowed.

Elaine Weiss, 1305 Pecan Street - Ms. Weiss indicated that per owners they were building an AirBnB, and possible a wedding venue, but not a mother-in-law house. House is in terrible condition. Very distressed about what the plans are for. No one is living there. Has been empty since 2005. Per Jennifer, we are only focusing on the demolition. When they come back with the next request, we will address what is being built at that time. Per Shirley Ellis, if it is attached in any way to the historic structure, it will come back to HLC. An accessory structure will go through the Building Department. If it comes back as a commercial it will need to go through a zoning change that will need to go through City Council. Per Jennifer we look at the structures and materials to confirm they match. Per contractor everything will be made to match using cement fiber board.

Katherine Albers, 1307 Pecan Street – Concerned that homeowners are not at the meeting. If the house is getting the rebate, and who is paying attention to it. We live in a single-family residence, and we need to keep it residential. Per Jennifer, this house has several different historical markers. Reminded the matter under review tonight is the demolition the garage structure.

Janean Whitten made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness. Cheryl Long seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

- 3C. Consider action on a Certificate of Appropriateness for 1.039 acres of Farm Lot 2, East of Main Street, located at 1403 Main Street, to add a two-car carport to the accessory building facing Buttonwood Steet, known as the Wilbarger House.

Commission member Sarah Johnson is the applicant/owner, so had to recuse herself. The reduced the members in attendance to 2, which did not constitute a quorum. Due to not having a quorum, meeting was rescheduled to Monday, June 20, 2022.

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4. UPDATES

4A. Individual Requests from Historic Landmark Commissioners that items to be listed on future agendas (no group discussion allowed).

- Commission questioned the Painted Mural on Main Street and the appeal. Will be going to the next City Council meeting. Fine will be up to council since we do not have any adopted fines. City Council has the final authority to make the final decision and overrule the appointed boards and commission.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Sharah made a motion to adjourn, Cheryl Long seconded. Meeting adjourned by Chair at 7:06 pm.

Commission Chair

Commission Vice-Chair