

# HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MEETING

December 20, 2023

## Meeting Minutes

The City of Bastrop Historic Landmark Commission met Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 6:00 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	Present
Sharah Johnson, Vice-Chair	Present
Susan Long	Present
Janean Whitten	Absent
Cheryl Long	Present
Lisa Laky	Present

#### City Council Liaison:

John Kirkland	Present
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#### Staff:

Kennedy Higgins	Present
Alondra Macias	Present
Sylvia Carrillo	Present

### 2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

### 3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 3A. Consider action to approve meeting minutes from the October 18, 2023, Historic Landmark Commission Regular Meeting.

Sharah Johnson made a motion to approve the October 18, 2023, Historic Landmark Commission Regular Meeting Minutes. Cheryl Long seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 3B. Consider action on a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior remodel and extension of the main structure at 1303 Pecan Street, being 0.636 acres out of Farm Lot 18 E of Main Street, within the City Limits of the City of Bastrop, Texas.

Kennedy Higgins, the planner, presented the item to the Commission.

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Discussion commenced among the Commissioners and Staff on the following items:

- The historic nature of the house and the repairs that need to be done.
- Proposition of the remodel of the home and the intended addition.
- Materials that will be salvaged and replaced such as gingerbread trim.

HLC Chair, Blake Kaiser, opened the Public Hearing at 6:53 pm.

Michael Albers, resident of 120 Smokebush Trail, was in opposition and did not wish to speak.

Larry Albers, resident of 1307 Pecan St, was in opposition and did not wish to speak.

Linda Smith, resident of 1504 Cedar St, was in opposition and did not wish to speak.

Cindy Aarvig, resident of 1205 Pecan St, was in opposition, and she stated her concerns for the community and the hazards on the property.

William Holford, resident of 1308 Pecan St, was in opposition, and he stated his concerns regarding his property, the effect the remodel will have on his property, and the use of the home.

HLC Chair, Blake Kaiser, closed the public hearing at 7:08 pm.

HLC Chair, Blake Kaiser, re-opened the public hearing at 7:10 pm.

Sue Ann Fruge, resident of 1206 Pecan St, was in opposition, and she stated her concerns on the current state of the home and the hazards in the property.

HLC Chair, Blake Kaiser, closed the public hearing at 7:16 pm.

Commissioner Lisa Laky made a motion to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness and encouraged the applicant to come back with a modified design. Cheryl Long seconded the motion. The motion was opened for discussion amongst the commissioners.

Commissioner Lisa Laky withdrew her motion.

Commissioner Lisa Laky made a motion to table the case and to postpone to a date certain of January 17, 2024, and asked the applicant to address bullet points 1, 3, and 11 from Section 9.3.006 Criteria for Approval if Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) from the B3 code. Sarah Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 4. UPDATES

4A. Update on Casino Hall, also known as German Casino.

Kennedy presented the pictures of the Casino Hall and the demolition update to the commissioners. Discussion commenced amongst the Commissioners and Staff regarding the demolition process for the structure.

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- 4B. In November Kennedy Higgins attended the Past Forward Conference put on by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Kennedy Higgins presented her findings from the Past Forward Conference she attended to the commissioners.

- 4C. Items or topics requested by Historic Landmark Commission for future agendas.

Commissioner Blake Kaiser requested demolition by neglect to be discussed in the future agenda.

### 6. ADJOURNMENT

Sharah Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm. Lisa Laky seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

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Blake Kaiser  
Commission Chair

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Sharah Johnson  
Commission Vice-Chair