

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2024

The City of Bastrop Historic Landmark Commission met on Wednesday, January 15, 2024, at 6:04 PM in the Bastrop City Council Chambers, 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Commissioners:

Samuel Bennett	Absent
Lisa Laky, Vice-Chair	Present
Susan Long	Present
Blake Kaiser, Chair	Present
Gary Moss	Present
Janean Whitten	Present
Cheryl Long	Present

City Council Liaison:

Cynthia Meyer	Present
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Staff:

James Cowey	Present
Melissa Gustafson	Present
Sylvia Carrillo	Present

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Sheridan Tiner, resident at 380 Alum Creek Road, spoke in opposition and spoke on the importance of the home and the importance that her grandmother's role played in the community and the negative effect the demolition would have on Bastrop's history.

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 3A. Consider action to approve meeting minutes from December 18, 2024, Historic Landmark Commission Regular Meeting.

Alondra Macias, Development Services Planner I

Commissioner Gary Moss made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the December 18, 2024, Historic Landmark Commission Regular Meeting. Vice-chairwoman Lisa Laky seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 3F. Discussion and possible action regarding 1005 Pecan Street regarding proposed demolition, certificate of appropriateness, and proposed development plans.

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Presented by Sylvia Carrillo-Trevino, ICMA-CM, CPM, City Manager
Public Hearing was opened at 6:16 pm.

William Holford, resident at 1308 Pecan Street, spoke in opposition and stated his concern about the demolition of the single-family home to put a multifamily development and the effect it will have on the character of the neighborhood.

Sam Calliham, resident at 1009 Pecan Street, spoke in opposition and stated his concern about the demolition and the development coming forward and went into detail about the interior of the home and the details of the home.

Micah King, an individual with the development team for the property, spoke regarding some of the concerns the residents had and gave an update regarding the zoning of the property

Commissioner Cheryl Long voiced her concerns about the possibility of designating historic homes and the environmental concern regarding the demolition of the home.

Elaine Weiss, resident at 1305 Pecan Street, was in opposition to the demolition of the home at 1005 Pecan Street and did not wish to speak.

Daniel Smith, resident at 1504 Cedar Street, was in opposition to the demolition of the home at 1005 Pecan Street and did not wish to speak.

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Amy Gotto, resident at 107 E Keomuku Lane, was in opposition to the demolition of the home at 1005 Pecan Street and did not wish to speak.

Joshua Gotto, resident at 107 E Keomuku Lane, was in opposition to the demolition of the home at 1005 Pecan Street and did not wish to speak.

Leslie Bell, resident at 326 Tahitian Drive, was in opposition to the demolition of the home at 1005 Pecan Street and did not wish to speak.

Shelby Limmer, resident at 354 Alum Creek Road, was in opposition to the demolition of the home at 1005 Pecan Street and did not wish to speak.

Tim McShane, resident at 4584 FM 535, was in opposition to the demolition of the home at 1005 Pecan Street and did not wish to speak.

Katherine Albers, resident at 1307 Pecan Street, was in opposition to the demolition of the home at 1005 Pecan Street and did not wish to speak.

Diane Weir, resident at 1301 Hill Street, was in opposition to the demolition of the home at 1005 Pecan Street and did not wish to speak.

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Joshua Biddle, resident at 107 S Pony Court, was in opposition to the demolition of the home at 1005 Pecan Street and did not wish to speak.

Mary Herrera, resident at 256 E Keanahalululu Lane, was in opposition to the demolition of the home at 1005 Pecan Street and did not wish to speak.

Shawn Anthea, resident at 1010 Pecan Street, spoke in opposition and stated her concerns regarding the B3 Code and the use of it in certain instances and the effect that the development going on this site would have on her business.

Jimmy Crouch, resident at 605 Buttonwood Street, stated the importance of the amendments that need to happen to the B3 Code in order to avoid any more situations in which historic homes get demolished without any protection.

Gregory LeBlanc, resident at 528 Pope Bend S, spoke in opposition and stated the understanding of the home not being able to be saved and suggested for the public to show up to public meetings and encouraged everyone to find importance in the changes.

City Manager Sylvia Carrillo explained to the board and the public that because the home is not historically designated there is nothing that can withhold the demolition of the home due to historic importance.

Public Hearing was closed at 6:49 pm.

- 3B. Consider action on a Certificate of Appropriateness for the exterior alterations/repair to a Structure in the Bastrop Commercial National Register Historic District, located at 707 Spring Street, being 0.128 acres out of Building Block 5, West of Water Street within the City Limits of Bastrop.

Presented by: Kennedy Higgins, Senior Planner, Development Services Department

Presentation created and presented by John Stenzel, the applicant, with more detail on the renovations that they are going to be working on as the architects on the project.

Commissioner Gary Moss made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the exterior alterations/repair to a Structure in the Bastrop Commercial National Register Historic District, located at 707 Spring Street, being 0.128 acres out of Building Block 5, West of Water Street within the City Limits of Bastrop. Commissioner Janean Whitten seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 3C. Consider action on a Certificate of Appropriateness for the exterior alterations/repair to a Structure in the Bastrop Commercial National Register Historic District, located at 711 Spring Street, being 0.173 acres out of Building Block 5, West of Water Street within the City Limits of Bastrop.

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- 3D. Public hearing and consider action to make a recommendation on a Historic Landmark Designation for the property located on 0.817 acres out of Farm Block 16 West of Main Street within the City Limits of the City of Bastrop, Texas, and forward to the January 28, 2025, City Council meeting.

Public Hearing was opened at 7:12 pm.

Presented by: Kennedy Higgins, Senior Planner, Development Services Department

Discussion began amongst commissioners and senior planner Kennedy Higgins explained the designation process for the commissioners and the requirements for local designation.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:26 pm.

Commissioner Gary Moss made a motion to make a recommendation on a Historic Landmark Designation for the property located on 0.817 acres out of Farm Block 16 West of Main Street within the City Limits of the City of Bastrop, Texas, and forward to the January 28, 2025, City Council meeting. Vice-chairwoman Lisa Laky seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 3E. Consider action on a Certificate of Appropriateness for a sign on a Structure in the Bastrop Commercial National Register Historic District, located at 921 Main Street, being 0.1439 acres out of 921 Main Street Subdivision - Final Plat Lot 1, within the City Limits of Bastrop.

Presented by: Kennedy Higgins, Senior Planner, Development Services Department

Discussion began amongst the commissioners as how the sign would be placed on the building and asked for clarity from city staff.

Commissioner Gary Moss made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for a sign on a Structure in the Bastrop Commercial National Register Historic District, located at 921 Main Street, being 0.1439 acres out of 921 Main Street Subdivision - Final Plat Lot 1, within the City Limits of Bastrop. Commissioner Janean Whitten seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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4. UPDATES

4A. Discussion/Updates from last meeting

Chairman Blake Kaiser had requested status from the Carpenter's house remodel and was informed that the building official James Cowey reached out to the applicant but still has not received feedback from them.

City Council Member Cynthia Meyers had requested updates regarding STRs to be given to the historic commission and the commission was informed that there was a town hall meeting that will be held on January 22, 2025.

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

Commissioner Gary Moss wanted to bring back the conversation regarding historic homes that are in disarray and the process the city has to take in order to protect and save those homes before a demolition is needed.

Senior Planner Kennedy Higgins informed the commission about the open house meeting that will be held on January 23, 2025, as it related to the amendments that are being made to Chapter 2 and Chapter 5 of the comprehensive plan by HALFF.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Gary Moss made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM. Vice Chair Lisa Laky seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned.

Blake Kaiser
Commission Chair

Lisa Laky
Commission Vice-Chair