

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
City of Glen Rose, Texas
January 21, 2025 – 5:30 PM

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Ann Carver at 5:30 PM.

Roll Call

Roll call confirmed a quorum. Members present: Scott Cole, Gabriel Campos, Ann Carver, JC Stone, Melinda Patrick via Zoom and Ember McCune arrived at 5:44 pm. Also present: Heather Bienko via Zoom, Stephen Boyd and Jodi Holthe.

Consent Agenda

The commission reviewed the minutes from the December 17, 2024, meeting. No changes or corrections were noted. The motion to approve was made by Scott Cole and seconded by JC Stone, and passed unanimously (5-0)

Individual Items for Consideration

1. Certificate of Appropriateness – Sycamore Groves

Austin Bewely (147 Drive, Arlington, TX 76012) presented a request for a Certificate of Appropriateness to install a temporary manual metal gate at the entrance of Sycamore Groves, historically known as Outlaw Station (built in 1929-1930).

- The gate is intended to prevent unauthorized vehicle access and reduce vibrations that may affect the structure's integrity.
- The gate will be placed at the entrance of the existing dirt driveway and will include bollards to prevent vehicles from bypassing it.
- The gate will not be automatic.
- The proposed location avoids any known historical foundations or artifacts as identified in the historical survey.
- Austin was informed that he must secure a permit from the Building and Code Department before installing the gate.

The motion to approve was made by Gabriel Campos and seconded by Scott Cole, passed unanimous (5-0)

2. Historic Preservation Incentive Program

The commission reviewed the city's historic preservation incentive program, which offers a reimbursement of up to 50% of the appraised property tax for preservation-related work. Eligible expenses include structural repairs, electrical, plumbing, and exterior restoration.

Points discussed:

- The reimbursement is capped at 50% of the property's appraised tax value per calendar year.
- The reimbursement applies retroactively after work is completed and proper documentation is submitted.
- Exterior work requires prior approval from the Historic Preservation Commission before reimbursement.
- The commission recognized that while helpful, the funding amount is limited and does not significantly support large restoration projects.

- Potential future discussions regarding additional grant opportunities for larger projects were suggested.

A form will be developed for applicants to submit requests for reimbursement. The first application under this program will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 PM.

Chairperson Historic

Preservation Officer