



Historic Review Commission

AGENDA REPORT

Department: Planning

Account Code: _____

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Subject

Consider and act upon a recommendation to the City Council regarding a request to renovate an existing residential structure, located at 301 N Ballard within the Downtown Historic District.

Recommendation

Motion to recommend (**approval, approval with conditions, or denial**) as presented

Discussion

OWNER: City of Wylie

APPLICANT: Brent Stowers

The Owner/Applicant proposes to make repairs to the exterior facade on the subject property. This project will include removing and replacing damaged ceiling board, trim at column header, and damaged or rotted siding; power wash all previously painted surfaces, sand and scrape any loose paint and sealants; prep and paint previously painted surfaces; seal and caulk all windows and door frames, paint all previously painted surfaces; repair two windows to match existing windows (re-using the glass). All items and paint that is replaced will be replicated to the extent possible.

Built in 1905, the Brown House has worn many hats. Through the years the house was a private residence until 1988, when it was purchased by the Birmingham Trust and renovated to be its headquarters. In 1992, the house was designated a Historical Marker by the Texas Historical Commission. (Marker Number 535.) The City of Wylie purchased the property in 2015 and opened the home as a Welcome and Events Center in 2022.

Section 6.3.C.3 of the Zoning Ordinance generally allows this type of renovation and maintenance to be approved by staff, except in the event of sand or high-pressure water blasting, as may be the case during this renovation. Therefore, it shall be reviewed by HRC and considered by the City Council.

This item will be considered at the September 10 City Council meeting.