

THE STATE OF TEXAS           §  
COUNTY OF ANDERSON       §  
CITY OF PALESTINE           §

The Historic Landmarks Commission of the City of Palestine convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 504 N. Queen Street, Palestine, Texas, with the following present: Chair Julie Abston; Commissioners Mickie Lamberth, Chris Gouras, and Jon Gardner.

Commissioners Mark McEachran, Drew Wommack, and Linda Williams were absent.

Staff present: Interim Development Services Director Kevin Olson, Historic Preservation Officer Susan Davis, and City Manager's Administrative Assistant Wendy Colotta.

**CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum present, Chair Julie Abston called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

**PROPOSED CHANGES OF AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no proposed changes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES**

None.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Historic Preservation Officer Susan Davis reported that May is Historic Preservation month and thanked commissioners that attended the Awards Presentation for Warrens Barber Shop and City Shoe Shop. Due to the Special Election that will be held in June, the next regular meeting of the Historic Landmark Commission will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Gouras made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lamberth, to approve minutes from the May 16, 2023, meeting. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously 4-0.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

1. Discussion and possible action regarding a Certificate of Appropriateness for 211 W. Dallas Street.

Commissioner Gouras made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gardner to deny the COA. Historic Preservation Officer Davis reported that a Stop Work Order was issued by the Building Inspector pending approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for replacement of wood siding removed by a previous contractor. Don Rohasek stated that the wood siding that had been removed was made of Cypress, which is hard to find, and that he has a sawmill in Alto that can cut siding with the same dimensions out of Pine. Commissioner Gardner reported that Bralys has Cypress in stock. Chairperson Abston and Commissioner Gouras commented concerning the preference for Cypress.

Commissioner Gouras made an amended motion, seconded by Commissioner Lamberth to approve the COA with new or reused Cypress siding. Upon vote, the motion carried 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Lamberth made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gouras, to adjourn at 3:22 pm. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously 4-0.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY 2023.

  
Julie Abston, Chair, or Alternate.

ATTEST:

  
Susan Davis, Planning Tech/HPO