

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 23, 2025, at 3:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 504 N. Queen Street, Palestine, Texas, with the following present: Chair Jon Gardner; Commissioners Rhonda Herrington, Hanna Glenn, Tammy Riley, Steven Bockel and Tabitha Enge(attended Via Zoom, did not participate in voting.)

Commissioner Chris Gouras was absent.

Staff present: Historic Preservation Officer Chasity Esparza, Planning Tech Susan Davis, and City Admin Casey DeBord

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Chair Jon Gardner called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

PROPOSED CHANGES OF AGENDA ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Herrington made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Glenn to approve minutes from the March 18, 2024, meeting. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously 5-0. Commissioner Enge was not present during the vote.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and possible action regarding a Certificate of Appropriateness concerning a fence at 310 East Kolstad Street.

Commissioner Herrington made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Glenn, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by property owner Terry Peters. Mr. Peters explained that the existing fence was deteriorating and needed to be replaced. He expressed his desire to install a new eight-foot wooden fence to enhance privacy. Following discussion regarding the proposed height of the fence, Commissioner Bockel made an amended motion, seconded by Commissioner Herrington, to approve the installation of an eight-foot wooden fence along the side yard and a six-foot wooden fence in the front yard. Upon vote, the amended motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding a Certificate of Appropriateness concerning fence at 1011 North John Street.

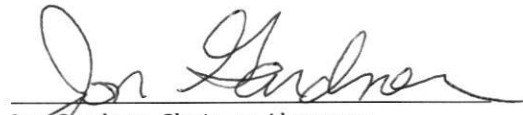
Commissioner Bockel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Glenn, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) submitted by the applicant, Karen Mononco. Ms. Mononco addressed the Commission and explained that the installation of the wooden fence was her only viable solution at the time to protect her dog, without removing the existing historic iron fence. Commissioner Glenn suggested that, for cost-effectiveness, the applicant could consider painting the wooden fence or

relocating it to the outside of the iron fence. Members of the Commission expressed concern that allowing the current configuration to remain could set an undesirable precedent for future cases. Commissioner Gardener recommended that the applicant obtain two quotes: one for moving the wooden fence to the outside of the iron fence, and another for modifying the iron fence by cutting a section out. Commissioner Bockel then amended his original motion and moved to table the COA for 90 days, allowing time for the applicant to obtain and present the quotes. The amended motion was seconded by Commissioner Glenn and carried unanimously.

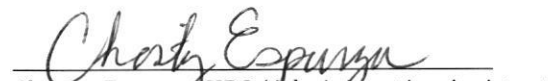
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Herrington made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Glenn, to adjourn at 3:48 pm. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously 5-0.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 15th DAY OF JULY 2025.


Jon Gardner, Chair, or Alternate.

ATTEST:


Chasity Esparza, HPO/Administrative Assistant