

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, July 15, 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 Hanna Glenn, Steven Bockel, and Tabitha Enge

Commissioners Rhonda Herrington and Tammy Riley were absent

Staff present: Historic Preservation Officer Chasity Esparza, Planning Tech Susan Davis, and City Secretary April Jackson.

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Chair Jon Gardner called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m.

PROPOSED CHANGES OF AGENDA ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Glenn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bockel, to approve minutes from the May 23, 2025, meeting. Upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously 4-0.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and possible action regarding a Certificate of Appropriateness concerning demolition at 210 W. Pine.

Historic Preservation Officer Chasity Esparza provided a summary, including the Building and Standards Commission order for demolition. Commissioner Bockel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Glenn, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. The property owner, Barry Davidson, attended the meeting via Zoom and stated that his attorney advised against selling the property due to the terms of bankruptcy. Chairman Gardner, along with Commissioners Enge and Glenn, expressed their belief that the house is repairable. A discussion followed regarding the possibility of organizing volunteers to assist with cleaning the property, to which the owner verbally agreed to allow access. Commissioner Bockel then amended his motion, seconded by Commissioner Glenn, to allow the owner 90 days to contact his attorney regarding the bankruptcy and to have the property cleaned. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairman Gardner adjourned the meeting at 3:35 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF OCTOBER 2025.


Jon Gardner, Chair, or Alternate.

ATTEST:


Chasity Esparza, HPO/Administrative Assistant