

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, March 17, 2026, 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 Laura Harston, Tabitha Enge, Steve Bockel and Rhonda Herrington.

Commissioner Hanna Glenn was absent.

Staff present: Historic Preservation Officer Chasity Esparza, City Secretary April Jackson and City Admin Corby Neal.

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

Remove item 1 in section G.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Reminder of Beautification and Preservation Nominations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Bockel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Harston, to approve minutes from the January 20, 2026, meeting. Upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously 5-0. (Rhonda Herrington not present during vote)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. ~~Discussion and possible action regarding a Certificate of Appropriateness for 616 W. Oak~~
2. Discussion and possible action regarding a Certificate of Appropriateness for new siding, windows, and doors, repairs to the porch, steps, and trim at 1002 N. Link Street.

Chasity Esparza provided a summary. Commissioner Herrington made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Glenn, to deny the COA. Kelly Henry was present on behalf of the property owner, Janna Henry. She explained that the contractor quit after learning about the meeting and that approximately \$37,000 had been paid, though only about \$3,700 worth of work and materials appeared to have been completed. She also stated that the original windows were removed and thrown away, siding was installed incorrectly, electrical wiring was disturbed, and the home is currently unlivable. Commissioner Herrington amended her motion to allow a 6-month timeframe to renovate the house back to its original. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairman Gardner adjourned the meeting at 3:34 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF MARCH 2026.


Jon Gardner, Chair, or Alternate.

ATTEST:


Chasity Esparza, HPO/Administrative Assistant