

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 Wednesday, April 22, 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, Steve Bockel, Tabitha Enge and Rhonda Herrington.

Commissioners absent: Hanna Gleen and Tammy Riley.

Staff present: Historic Preservation Officer Chasity Esparza, Development Services Director Susan Davis, City Admin Corby Neal.

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Chair Jon Gardner called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

PROPOSED CHANGES OF AGENDA ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

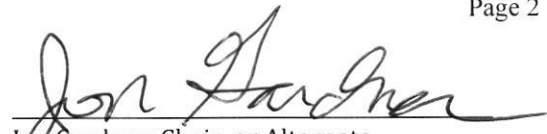
1. Discussion and possible action regarding a Certificate of Appropriateness for new construction at 619 W. Oak

Historic Preservation Officer Chasity Esparza provided a summary of the proposed work. Commissioner Bockel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Herrington, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. Applicant Lucinda Presley explained the need for the proposed expansion, citing the addition of classroom space, traveling exhibits, and sufficient capacity to accommodate field trips. The project includes a new entrance on Oak Street, demolition of an existing building, and construction of three new buildings, initially proposed with masonry siding, she is proposing Hardie Board. During discussion, Chair Jon Gardner stated that Hardie Board was appropriate for new construction. The Commission further discussed materials and agreed that a composition shingle roof would be preferred over metal and that the storefront design should be softened. Commissioner Bockel amended his motion, seconded by Commissioner Herrington, to approve Phase I with Hardie Board siding in place of masonry, a soften storefront and a composition shingled roof. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

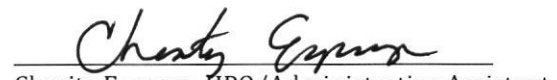
ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairman Gardner adjourned the meeting at 3:28 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 19th DAY OF MAY 2026.


Jon Gardner, Chair, or Alternate.

ATTEST:


Chasity Esparza, HPO/Administrative Assistant