

MINUTES
LANDMARK COMMISSION
November 27, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michele Derr	■ Vice-Chairperson
John Dickinson	■ Member
Christy Graham	■ Chairperson
Jim Johnson	■ Member
Jackie William Lebow, Jr.	■ Member
Andy Lee	■ Member
Rodney Martin	■ P&Z Liaison
Karen Gagné, Planning Administrator	■ City Staff

ABSENT:

Stacie Flood	■ Member
Cindy Ramirez	■ Member
Eric West	■ Council Liaison

I. Call to Order, and Introductions

Chairperson Christy Graham welcomed and called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

II. Review & Approval of Minutes from October 30, 2018

Chairperson Graham called for review and approval of the October 30, 2018 Landmark Commission meeting minutes. Mr. Rodney Martin made a motion to approve minutes, Ms. Michele Derr seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.

III. Action Item – Discussion Item Regarding – 1512 Tilden – West Floral Heights Historic District

• **Fire Damage**

Chairperson Graham introduced the discussion item. Ms. Gagné started the discussion and stated staff anticipated a design review application in the future due to the damage caused by fire. The commission was given inventory photos from 2013 showing awnings on the home which have since been removed. Commissioners also observed a photo and article from the Times Record News from November 5th 2018 showing visible fire damage to the outside of the home. Ms. Gagné stated the extent of damage to the interior of the home is still unknown at this time. Commissioners stated the entire back of the home is gone with only three walls left standing with large hole in the roof. Commissioners also stated the home does not look repairable. Discussion amongst commissioners about cause of fire. A commissioner stated he saw pictures of the inside of the home and it was in very bad condition. Discussion ensued about what steps would need to happen with Landmarks/staff/owners to demolish and rebuild if deemed a total loss. One commissioner asked about the injured fire fighter with nothing known about his welfare. Staff commented they would contact the fire department for any updates related to the case.

IV. Action Item – 2019 Landmark Commission Meeting Schedule

Ms. Gagné stated this was something staff put together annually for the coming year with the month of July always left open unless there was a case that needed to be heard. Also, there is no meeting scheduled for the month of December due to the fourth Tuesday usually falling on the week of Christmas. Ms. Gagné stated that the meeting for the month of January was moved out a week due to scheduling conflict. Ms. Gagné will not be in the office to put together the landmark agenda/books during the Texas Historical Commission's annual workshop/training January 16th-18th. Also, the meeting for the month of October was shifted due to the state planning conference. Ms. Gagné advised this schedule would be online for reference/public access.

Ms. Michele Derr made the motion to approve the 2019 Landmarks Meeting Schedule which Mr. Rodney Martin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Other Business

a) Monthly Reports:

Depot Square and Historic District:

Ms. Michele Derr gave an overview of activities coming up in the Depot Square:

- Dec. 1st – Rudolph's 1st Annual Ugly Sweater Crawl
- Now – Dec. 15th Back Door Theater has White Christmas
- Now – Dec. 7th Santa at the Kell House
- Dec. 6th – 5-8pm Downtown Wichita Falls Candle Walk
- Dec. 13th – 6-7:30pm Christmas at the Kell House
- Dec. 22nd – 6-8pm Kell House Candlelight Tours
- Dec. 15th – Christmas Market at The Farmers Market from 10am – 1pm
- Now – Dec. 15th Wichita Theater – Beauty & The Beast
- Dec. 20th – 21st Wichita Theater – The Grand Ole Christmas Show
- Dec. 8th & 15th - Stage Two – Jim Haw Friends and Christmas
- Dec. 11th – Stage Two – Elvis Christmas
- Nov. 30th – Stage Two – A Dickens of a Mystery

West Floral Heights District:

- Annual Turkey Trot event/fundraiser on Thanksgiving Day was well attended.

Morningside District:

- Luminaries – Dec. 8th & 9th; rain date Dec. 15th & 16th
- ONCOR coming to agreement about where to place electrical pole to allow the Lowder's to repair their home after fire damage (Pembroke).
- Concern over design review by the City in a National Register designated district seems to have quieted down.

b) Design Review Updates – 1100 Travis

• Hodges-Hardy-Chambers House

Ms. Christy Graham stated she was concerned about the exterior of the home and happy to see it on the updates. Ms. Gagné stated there was an update from Alex Toprac, our Regional Architecture Reviewer with Texas Historical Commission (THC) in Austin for

Recorded Texas Historic Landmarks (RTHL) and any other items that require architectural review. The owners of the home want to convert it back to residential use however the building inspections division had some concerns since it was classified as commercial use since the Hardy's sold the home in the early 1980's. The home was built for Judge Hodges in 1892/1895 and there was concern about the new owners changing the exterior. There is a large lot behind the home that goes back to the alley where unsavory things take place. Therefore, the owners are requesting to fence the backyard which is the former parking lot used when the property was a commercial business (Graphics II). The Texas Historical Commission has no issue with a privacy fence in the rear yard because it will stop at the back line of the house and not around the home. Also, the owners are wanting to add gutters to the porch which the Texas Historical Commission will require review as any proposed gutters or downspouts must be assessed for design and how it will impact the look of the home. The owners would also like to change out the face of the sign in front of the home to 1100 Travis with the name of the home. A contract has already been signed with a painting crew to start the scraping of the exterior paint as part of a repair/maintenance project. Paint, other than on masonry, is not reviewed by the Commission when a maintenance project.

Design Review – Staff Authorized – Minor Alteration/Repairs:

- 711 Indiana (electrical work)
- 1100 Travis – Hodges-Hardy-Chambers House (electrical; plumbing/mechanical)
- 500 8th Street – Kemp Wholesale Grocery (roof repair – flat roof)

c) Articles & Periodicals / THC Items:

- The Medallion – Armistice Day Special Edition
- Preservation – National Trust articles

Next Meeting Date: January 29, 2019

Staff and Commission members thanked out-going member Mr. Jackie Lebow for his years of service on the Commission and his continued interest in historic preservation.

VI. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Christy Graham

Christy Graham, Chairperson

Jan 29, 2019

Date