

CITY OF BLANCO
Blanco Historic Preservation Commission

MINUTES

January 30, 2023, Byars Building, 308 Pecan Street, Blanco, Texas 78606

AGENDA

1. Chairperson Ryan Moses called the meeting to Order: 6:02pm
2. Roll Call/Quorum established:
Present: Ryan Moses, Wendy Cambridge, Gail McClellan, Pamela Capps, (Barnaby Cox watched via Google Meet.)
Absent: Hollis Boatright excused due to illness.
3. Open Meeting Act regarding videoconferencing was announced.
4. No Public Comments

NEW BUSINESS:

1. COA request for 318 4th Street (Old 300) for new roof was presented by contractor Mike Betzer with 2 others present. Discussion followed and Wendy motioned to approve the COA, Pam seconded. Motion carried. Ryan signed COA and returned it to contractor and owner. Owner and others present were thanked for their patience.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Minutes October 31 and November 14, 2022 were approved. Ryan motioned for approval, Pam seconded. Motion carried.
2. William (Barnaby) Cox was not able to attend due to business commitments, so will introduce himself at next month's meeting.
3. Discussion related to current projects and their status: Due to weather concerns, many of the items to be discussed were waved until the next meeting to expedite the meeting.
 - c. Walking tour brochure: Wendy – The printer has the working draft which was shown to the commissioners. Hollis Boatright had also reviewed the draft and approved via email. Mayor Lumpee created a QR code to go onto the brochure that takes folks to the Portraits of Blanco booklet for more in depth information.
 - e. Mayor Lumpee talked with the commission about starting the wheels turning on the 175 Blanco Founders Day Celebration, which is 10 years away. Gail said she had made contact with Connie in Fredericksburg. Mayor Lumpee has family there so BHPC and the Mayor will work together. Discussion about building to the 175 years, by having a 165 and 170 year celebration, to lead up to the big one for 175 years.
***Also discussed May Historic Month and bringing in local folks to share their history, having it coincide with Blanco Market Days, and possibly a recognition ceremony for Blanco's residents who have had a positive impact on our history and its preservation, like the one we had 3 years ago.
 - f. 281 Overlay: Warren reported the revised version has been received by the City and will be going out to the steering committee for review. Wendy confirmed with Warren that it will go to the original steering committee members for review. From there it will go back to P&Z then City Council.
4. Warren has not received the written agreement from Blanco Pharmacy and Wellness COA tentatively approved November 14, 2022. He will follow up on that this week.

5. Warren: Signage per UDC in businesses: Warren and the City are looking into other infractions by Tenuta Bianco: Hill Country Wine, Texas Craft Beer” 312 Pecan, including the signage in their windows. He will have a report for next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Streetscape: Ryan is the new Chairperson of Streetscape and gave a report in Retta’s absence. The architect is working on a tentative plan regarding pavement stripping which the city has approval to do, and more. Hoping to have some visual renderings in 7 weeks, and possibly sooner. The Streetscape committee requests the City bring all actions within the Historic District to Streetscape so they can work together.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Requesting Hot Funds from City Council for the exterior restoration/repair of the Byars Building:
 - a. Application for Texas Historic Commission recognition. Interior renovations for ADA compliance issues so that the BHPC and City can use the building as a revenue resource.
2. Planning for the upcoming Blanco Founders Day celebrations year 165, 170 and 175.
3. May Historic Month celebrations
4. Current Projects not discussed.
5. New museum location.

At 6:28pm Wendy motioned to adjourn, Pam and Gail seconded, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Cambridge, Interim Secretary