

CITY OF BLANCO
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

May 13, 2024, 6:00 PM
Byars Building, 308 Pecan Street, Blanco, Texas 78606

CURRENT COMMISSIONERS

Gail McClellan, Hollis Boatright, Jacqueline Milford-Flores Patty Haas,
Gary Currier, Alexandra Franki
Advisors: Retta Martin and Wayne Gosnell
Rudy Nino, Historic Preservation Officer

MINUTES

The special meeting of the Blanco Historic Preservation Commission was called to order by Rudy Nino at 6:00 p.m.

A quorum was established.

Present: Jacqueline Milford-Flores, Gail McClellan, Patty Haas, Gary Currier,
Absent: Hollis Boatright, Alexandra Franki

Announcements:

June 24 will be our next regular meeting at 6 p.m. at the Byars Building.

We have three new commissioners appointed by the mayor. They are Patty Haas, Gary Currier, and Alexandra Franki.

Rudy Nino explained to us that it is necessary to catch up on our minutes.

A moment of silence was given for Pamila Capps who passed away.

May 27 office closed

June 19 is Jubilee.

June 3 is when P&Z will look at the 120 day demolition delay and going to 7 commissioners.

Public Comments: There are no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. Acceptance of Maria Mathis-Kruser's letter of resignation dated April 18, 2024.

Gail McClellan made the motion to accept Maria Mathis-Kruser's letter of resignation and Jackie Milford-Flores seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes from the April 18, 2024 Special Meeting.

Jackie Milford-Flores made the motion to approve the minutes and Gail McClellan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Welcome New Members assigned by the Mayor to fill all vacancies [UDC 4.11, B (6)].

New members Patty Haas, Gary Currier and Alexandra Franki were assigned by the mayor to fill the vacancies on the Commission. Patty and Gary are present, and we will meet Alexandra in June.

4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair [UDC 4.11, B (6) d]

Gary Currier was elected to be the Chair. Gail McClellan made the motion that Gary be elected as Chair and Jackie Milford-Flores seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Rudy Nino recommended that we table the vice-chair position. Jackie Milford-Flores made a motion to do so, Gail McClellan seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. Approval of Minutes from the February 26, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Jackie Milford-Flores made the motion to approve the minutes, Gay Currier seconded it, and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Possible Action on Update of Condition of Banner(s) and Possible Replacement Options.

There were eight banners to begin with. We only have four left. The banner at 4th and Main is gone. Rudy recommended that we do not reorder new banners until we find a reliable supplier. The cloth banners are more durable.

3. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Possible Action on Approval of use of "Walking Tour" app aka "self-guided tour" app.

Rudy Nino recommended that we form a committee to work with marketing items. It builds prestige and value to identify

Gail McClellan made a motion that Rudy Nino be appointed to head up a committee to research an app for the walking tours and a reliable supplier for our banners. Jackie Milford-Flores seconded that motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Request for hired help or a volunteer to bring recorded minutes to a written form, so they can be submitted to the Texas Historic Commission per law.

Minutes for the meetings in June, July, August, September, October, November, and December of 2023, need to be written from recordings of the minutes. January, 2024, minutes are also missing. Gary Currier will take June. Rudy Nino will take July. Gail McClellan will take August. Jackie Milford-Flores will take September. Patty Haas will take October. Gary Currier will take November. There was no meeting in December. Rudy will take January. Gary Currier made a motion that the Commission agrees to divide up the responsibilities for writing minutes for the past missing minutes for the past meeting we are missing. Parry Haas seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

HPO UPDATES & REPORT ACTION ITEMS:

1. May is National Preservation Month including Marketing Items such as Walking Brochures etc. For a brief history <https://savingplaces.org/stories/history-of-preservation-month>

Rudy Nino reported on interactions with visitors to the Old Courthouse about Bonnie and Clyde in Blanco among other interesting anecdotes.

2. Bylaws amended by HPC

Rudy Nino is working on bylaws of 120 day demolition by delay for demolishing old buildings. The proposed ordinance or bylaw will be taken to the Texas Historic Commission, and they will review it. They will approve it and send it back to us. Then it will be presented before the P & Z and the City Council for approval, and it becomes a bylaw.

The mission statement, vision, and core values were reviewed. The Texas Historic Commission will review these items. When they are approved, they come back to us for further processing.

3. Training Program. The HPC of San Marcos on Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 9:00 am Noon. Is having a free event "Hotel Occupancy Taxes (HOT) Discover how HOT funds can be used to safeguard Blanco's cultural heritage & maintain historic sites" Other trainings were discussed.

Gail McClellan made a motion to see if we could have the certified local government commission training on either June 15 or 22 depending on the availability of the presenters. Gary Currier seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Updates on the Follo

1. Pittsburg Marker by Eric Burkhart

The application is finished. It will be submitted to the county and Jonell Haas will submit it to the state. May 15 at 2 pm is the deadline for submission. The Episcopal Church in Pittsburg has agreed to be the location of the historical marker. After approval, we have 60 days to pay for the marker. The city will install the marker. The state has either \$800 or \$850 of our money. We will only need to come up with \$600 or \$650. Comprehensive master plan is updated,

2. Streetscape by Retta Martin

Retta Martin gave us a history lesson about Streetscape through the years. TxDOT plans to correct matters of the 4 stop signs at 4ht and Pecan.

3. Survey and Inventory by Jacqueline

Jackie has the paperwork to go forward with this. Rudy Nino explained about a possible grant to help with the inventory. Jackie has a list of homes that are 50 years old or more.

Gail McClellan made a motion to adjourn. Gary Currier seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.