

Blanco Historic Preservation Commission

January 25, 2021 Minutes

308 Pecan Street

Virtual Public Meeting

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commission Members present were:

Roxanne Sorrell, Chair

Hollis Boatright, Vice Chair

Pam Nabers

Richard Standifer

Pamela Prescott Capps

Jim Bunte

Wendy Cambridge

City Staff and Consultants present were:

Rudy Nino Historic Preservation Officer

Will Davis Code Compliance

Retta Martin Advisor

Roxanne Sorrell welcomed everyone. She called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD- No citizens spoke.

Quorum established – enough members present.

Action Items.

1. Approval of tonight's agenda motion by **Pamela Nabers**. **Richard Standifer** seconded. Motion passed. Agenda approved.
2. Approval of the November 16, 2020 meeting minutes was requested by **Hollis Boatwright**. **Pam Nabers** approved and **Hollis Boatright** seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Vote unanimous. Minutes approved.
3. There was a request to reimburse Historic Preservation Officer **Rudy Nino** for expenses of \$73.25; **Roxanne** approved the motion; **Jim Bunte** seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.
4. **Richard** discussed his conversation with the gateway sign designer, Andrew Manning. He noted the previous iterations of the sign designs were not unanimously approved because of somewhat ambiguous hill designs added to some of the concepts. His response was that our agreement only allowed for one revision of the concepts, and if we wanted additional changes to the art, that would cost an estimated \$260. Richard asked him to work with us, as we have a very limited budget, and he said he would. **Jim** spoke up regarding his ability to come up with additional designs if need be, based on his professional background as a creative director. Jim also noted that he works regularly with graphic designers on a contract basis, and commonly their first iteration is probably their best "take" – future revisions tend to stray from their original vision. Jim mentioned using Fiverr.com and online graphic designer consultants to help us get to a final design we like. He mentioned he'd be willing to fund the project if needed. **Richard** clarified that the final

sign would be printed on MDF board, rather than routed from heavy-gauge wood stock. Further discussion took place regarding the sign printing. Some mention of using vehicle wraps as long-term exterior solutions was made. Wendy mentioned she liked what Jim was suggesting. Everyone agreed we would not pursue a refund from the vendor, even if he did not bring the project to completion. Wendy suggested we table the discussion with the existing vendor in favor of exploring other options. Pam Nabers seconded. Approved unanimously.

5. Next matter of business was electing a new secretary. **Jim Bunte** noted he would be willing to continue to do the minutes until a Secretary is nominated and approved. Hollis Boatwright motioned to table the election of a secretary. Richard seconded. Approved unanimously.
6. The matter of a PowerPoint presentation on Blanco historical district streetscape design was discussed. First proposed to the City Council in 2014, though there had been a City Council resolution in 2009. The idea was to approach it in three phases. Engineering and landscape design firms were mentioned and discussed. There was discussion about changing parking around one corner of the courthouse square (near where Old 300 BBQ and the Post Office are today). It was mentioned that despite much planning, the City Council at the time (2014) would not take ownership of the project. Jim mentioned that the project being discussed was not a \$150,000 project but likely much more costly. Wendy asked if we had any funds at this time for such a project. "A little bit" was the reply (speaker unidentified).

Adjournment

Hollis made the motion at 6:46PM and **Wendy** seconded. Motion passed.

APPROVED:

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Roxanne Sorrell by the
Chairman

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