

Minutes
Historic Landmark Commission
May 14, 2018

The Historic Landmark Commission of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a Work Session on **Monday, May 14, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.** in the City Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas at which time the following items were considered:

PRESENT: Chair Alyssa Stevenson. Commissioners: Helen Bailey, Kenneth Williamson, Deb Conte, and Roy Anderson.

ABSENT: Commissioners: Scott Campbell, John Morris and Daniel Abasolo.

STAFF: Ron Menguita, Roman McAllen, Scott McDonald, Victor Flores, and Athenia Green.

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Stevenson called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

- A. U.S. Flag
- B. Texas Flag

2. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

- A. [Consider approval of the Historic Landmark Commission meeting minutes.](#)

Commissioner Roy Anderson motioned, Commissioner Helen Bailey seconded to approve the April 9, 2018 meeting minutes. **Motion approved (5-0).** Commissioner Roy Anderson, “aye”, Commissioner Helen Bailey, “aye”, Commissioner Kenneth Williamson, “aye”, Commissioner Deb Conte, “aye”, Chair Alyssa Stevenson, “aye”.

- B. [Consider making a recommendation to the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding an application for Historic Landmark Designation for the property located at 607 E. College Street, between Vine Street and Frame Street. \(HL18-0001, Roman McAllen\)](#)

Roman McAllen, Historic Preservation Officer, presented this request. He stated the property owners are present. The home was in the same family for over 75 years. The home has had an interesting history. Staff recommends approval of the request. The home was recently featured as a Historic Property of the Month. There were no questions for staff.

Liz Spoons, Property Owner, 607 E. College Street, Denton, Texas. Chair Stevenson questioned why they are requesting historic designation. Spoons stated there are a lot of homes in the neighborhood that are being sold or demolished due to the Texas Woman’s University expansion.

She stated they want to show other residents in the area and neighborhood that these homes have value. There are a lot of homes that could be restored to make a nice neighborhood.

Commissioner Conte thanked them for their work, she stated she hopes this will encourage the neighbors to move in the same direction as the applicant.

There was no further discussion. Chair Stevenson closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Deb Conte motioned, Commissioner Kenneth Williamson seconded to approve this request. **Motion approved (5-0)**. Commissioner Roy Anderson, “aye”, Commissioner Helen Bailey, “aye”, Commissioner Kenneth Williamson, “aye”, Commissioner Deb Conte, “aye”, Chair Alyssa Stevenson, “aye”.

C. [Receive a report, hold a discussion and select a Historic Property of the Month.](#)

Roman McAllen, Historic Preservation Officer, presented the three historic properties. Commissioner Conte stated she likes the Stroud house because it is within a neighborhood that could get the Historic Landmark designations going for that area.

Chair Stevenson stated it is important to consider the midcentury houses.

There was no further discussion.

Commissioner Roy Anderson motioned, Commissioner Helen Bailey seconded to vote for 411 W. Prairie Street. **Motion approved (5-0)**. Commissioner Roy Anderson, “aye”, Commissioner Helen Bailey, “aye”, Commissioner Kenneth Williamson, “aye”, Commissioner Deb Conte, “aye”, Chair Alyssa Stevenson, “aye”.

Commissioner Bailey stated she also liked property C, and would like to see it re-nominated despite having been nominated three times. McAllen stated initially there were not many guidelines put in place for the Historic Property of the Month, and then a few guidelines were created, including that a property could not be nominated more than three times. He stated with that being said it could be removed and put back on at a future date. Commissioner Williamson stated he also like property C as well. There was no further discussion.

D. [Historic Landmark Commission project matrix.](#)

Chair Stevenson questioned the status of the local designation for the Downtown Square. Roman McAllen, Historic Preservation Officer, stated a plan for protection was presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission on May 9, 2018. Richard Cannone, Interim Planning Director, stated it will go on to City Council for a Work Session and final direction as well. Commissioner Williamson questioned the timeframe. Cannone stated it is moving at a rapid pace.

Commissioner Conte questioned the status of the Bell Avenue Conservation District. McAllen stated it will be updated during the Denton Development Code update process.

There was no further discussion. Chair Stevenson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 6:45 p.m.