

Historic Landmark Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
September 16, 2019

After determining that a quorum was present, the Historic Landmark Commission of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas, at which the following items were considered:

**PRESENT:** Chair Alyssa Stevenson. Commissioners: Mary Anderson, Roy Anderson, Linnie McAdams, Evan Stone, and Melody Kohout.

**ABSENT:** Commissioners: Erin Clegg, and Angie Stripling.

**STAFF:** Roman McAllen, Jerry Drake, Cynthia Kirchoff, Cathy Welborn and Ron Menguita.

Chair Stevenson opened the Historic Landmark Commission meeting at 5:34 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. U.S. Flag B. Texas Flag

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. Consider making a recommendation to the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding a Resolution adopting the vision, value statements, goals, policies, recommendations, and the implementation matrix proposed in the Denton Historic Preservation Plan. (HLC19-030, Roman McAllen).

Roman McAllen, Historic Preservation Office, presented Item for Consideration 2A. McAllen requested the Commission to provide any changes or recommendations.

Commissioner Roy Anderson stated he had a hard time with the expectations the plan expresses for the Historic Landmark Commission, due to time constraints. McAllen stated that those expectations have been noted by a city council member and we will be recommending those be taken out of the plan.

Commissioner Mary Anderson stated she feels the plan does not provide enough incentives for residents that live in the historic homes. McAllen stated the results and goals of the proposed plan came from the input given at public meetings. McAllen stated he doesn't think the residents in the Historic Districts will be disappointed, but the plan is built around the recommendations from the public meetings.

Commissioner Linnie McAdams stated on page 25 the sentence that reads: the African-American Community moved to Solomon Hill and other areas of Denton's east and south sides, is not true and needs to be removed. Commissioner McAdams stated that the wording implies that they moved voluntarily, when in fact it was a forced removal. Chair Stevenson stated the Lakota Group

1 was wanting to recognize the forced movement of Quakertown and the formation of southeast  
2 Denton and not that it was a willing move. McAllen agreed with McAdams that the language is  
3 incorrect. McAdams also questioned what the meaning of outdoor interpretive displays means.  
4 Chair Stevenson stated they are talking about historical markers.

5 Commissioner Roy Anderson recommended rewording the sentence to: Denton's Quakertown  
6 story includes the forced relocation of the African American Community to Solomon Hill and  
7 other areas of Denton's east and south sides. Commissioner McAdams agreed to the change.

8 The Historic Landmark Commission agreed to delete the first sentence on page 25 under section  
9 African Americans and other diverse population in Denton. McAllen stated he could clarify the  
10 exact markers that are located in Quakertown Park. The Commission agreed.

11 Commissioner Mary Anderson requested the implementation of an incentive program for historic  
12 residential property owners. McAllen agreed and recommended adding a recommendation #2.19:  
13 a program for partial or full exemption of City of Denton property taxes in coordination with other  
14 applicable taxing authorities for locally historic landmark homes.

15 Commissioner Roy Anderson motioned for the Historic Landmark Commission to recommend the  
16 approval of the Denton Historic Preservation plan subject to the changes and recommendations as  
17 noted: 1. rewording the sentence to: Denton's Quakertown story includes the forced relocation of  
18 the African American Community to Solomon Hill and other areas of Denton's east and south  
19 sides. Commissioner McAdams agreed to the change. 2. Delete the first sentence on page 25 under  
20 section African Americans and other diverse population in Denton. 3. Clarify the exact markers  
21 located in Quakertown Park. 4. Recommendation #2.19: a program for partial or full exemption  
22 of City of Denton property taxes in coordination with other applicable taxing authorities for locally  
23 historic landmark homes. Motion seconded by Linnie McAdams. Motion carried 6-0-2.

24 AYES (6): Chair Alyssa Stevenson. Commissioners: Mary Anderson, Roy Anderson, Linnie  
25 McAdams, Evan Stone, and Melody Kohout.

26 NAYS (0): None

27 ABSENT (2): Commissioners: Erin Clegg, and Angie Stripling.

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29 B. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair for the Historic Landmark Commission.  
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31 Roy Anderson motioned to postpone Item for Consideration 2B to the next regular scheduled  
32 meeting. Motion seconded by Linnie McAdams. Motion carried 6-0-2.

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34 AYES (6): Chair Alyssa Stevenson. Commissioners: Mary Anderson, Roy Anderson, Linnie  
35 McAdams, Evan Stone, and Melody Kohout.

36 NAYS (0): None

37 ABSENT (2): Commissioners: Erin Clegg, and Angie Stripling.

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39 C. Consider approval of the minutes of May 13, 2019 and August 19, 2019.  
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41 Commissioner Roy Anderson motioned to approve the May 13, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion  
42 seconded by Commission Linnie McAdams. Motion carried 6-0-2.

1 AYES (6): Chair Alyssa Stevenson. Commissioners: Mary Anderson, Roy Anderson, Linnie  
2 McAdams, Evan Stone, and Melody Kohout.

3 NAYS (0): None

4 ABSENT (2): Commissioners: Erin Clegg, and Angie Stripling.

6 Commissioner Roy Anderson motioned to approve the August 19, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion  
7 seconded by Commissioner Mary Anderson. Motion carried 6-0-2.

9 AYES (6): Chair Alyssa Stevenson. Commissioners: Mary Anderson, Roy Anderson, Linnie  
10 McAdams, Evan Stone, and Melody Kohout.

11 NAYS (0): None

12 ABSENT (2): Commissioners: Erin Clegg, and Angie Stripling.

14 3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

16 McAllen recognized the passing of Historic Landmark Commissioner John Morris and the fact he  
17 did a lot for preservation including personally restoring six homes in the City of Denton.

19 Chair Stevenson closed the regular meeting at 6:33 p.m.

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Chair of Historic Landmark Commission

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