

## **MINUTES**

A meeting of the **Heritage Preservation Commission** of the City of Waxahachie, Texas was held in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 401 S. Rogers on **Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.**

Heritage Preservation Commission Members present: Peggy Crabtree  
Glinda Felty  
Shannon Simpson  
Curtiss Thompson  
Jeff Smith

Planning & Zoning Commission Liaison: Bonney Ramsey

Heritage Preservation Officer: Anita Simpson

City Council Liaison: Billie Wallace

Guests: Caleb Thibodeaux, Chris Wright,  
Vicki Brooks, Brandon & Lori McDivit,  
Aly McDowell and sons

### **1. Call to Order**

Peggy Crabtree called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

### **2. Public Comments**

None made

### **3. Approve minutes of meeting held April 14, 2022**

Glinda Felty made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 14, 2022. The motion was seconded by Shannon Simpson. **All ayes.**

### **4. Reconsider Certificate of Appropriateness for 211 S. College**

This item will be postponed until a future meeting at the request of the contractor.

### **5. Consider Certificate of Appropriateness for 707 W. Marvin**

Mr. McDivit provided the Commission with a brief overview of the project at his property and presented samples of the product he is proposing to use as a replacement for the cedar shake shingles on the rotted skirting of the house. Jeff Smith noted that there is now a cedar shake shingle available that is fire resistant and meets current code; these shingles are readily available and comparable in price to the proposed product. Mr. Smith stated that as a member of the preservation commission his goal is to keep appropriate historic materials on properties when possible. There was much discussion about the project and the proposed replacement product. Jeff Smith made a motion to deny the application for 707 W. Marvin. Motion died for lack of a second. Shannon Simpson said that even the *Secretary's Guidelines* do not forbid man-made materials if the look of the product is appropriate and to scale. Curtiss Thompson made a motion to **approve** the Certificate of Appropriateness for 707 W. Marvin. Glinda Felty seconded the motion. Shannon Simpson, Glinda Felty, and Curtiss Thompson voted **aye**. Jeff Smith voted **nay** and restated that his job is to protect historic fabric on properties if it is present. Peggy Crabtree **abstained** but noted that replacing wood with wood is encouraged whenever possible. **Motion passed.**

**6. Consider Certificate of Appropriateness for 205 Oldham**

Mrs. McDowell addressed the Commission and said she has consulted with Becky Kauffman on the plans for her property. She intends to scrape and paint the original cypress wood on the façade and replace some siding on other elevations that is rotted. She also needs to replace upper story windows in children's bedrooms so they will be able to get out of them in case of an emergency. Jeff Smith made a motion to **approve** the Certificate of Appropriateness for 205 Oldham. The motion was seconded by Curtiss Thompson. **All ayes.**

**7. Consult with owner of 604 N. Rogers about front door**

Mrs. Brooks told the Commission that she wants to replace her front door which prevented her from being approved for the HT tax exemption this year. She asked what type would be appropriate and showed the Commission examples of what she has found for purchase. The Commission provided examples of appropriate doors as well.

**8. Comments by Commission members and Heritage Preservation Officer**

None made

**9. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Shannon Simpson and seconded by Jeff Smith. **All ayes.**  
Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Anita Simpson*