

## **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 9, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.**

Heritage Preservation Commission Members present: Becky Kauffman  
Louis Brown  
Shannon Simpson  
Glinda Felty  
Peggy Crabtree  
Curtiss Thompson

Planning & Zoning Liaison: Bonney Ramsey  
Heritage Preservation Officer: Anita Brown Simpson  
City Council Liaison: Mary Lou Shipley

Guests: Chris Acker, Dalton Bradbury, David & Johnna Wall, Mary & Tayloe Call, Stormie Flowers, Andrew Branca, Amy Hedtke

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

Becky Kauffman called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

### **2. Approve minutes of meeting held April 11, 2019**

Glinda Felty made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 11, 2019. The motion was seconded by Louis Brown. **All ayes.**

### **3. Consider plans for new construction, Crescent Creek Villas**

Chris Acker presented the plans to the Commission. Becky Kauffman praised his adherence to the design guidelines on many points but questioned the choice of color for the new buildings. The brick will be painted white and Peggy Crabtree noted that brick should not be painted if possible. Louis Brown pointed out that white surface would be soiled by traffic on Business 287 over time. Chris stated the reasons for choosing that color and affirmed that he did not want to use the darker colors typical of downtown on this property. He agreed to test some other muted colors with the design to see if any would provide the right aesthetic. Curtiss Thompson made a motion to table the plans for Crescent Creek Villas till a compromise can be found. Louis Brown seconded the motion. **All ayes.**

### **4. Citizens Petitions & Requests**

David Wall addressed the Commission regarding his property at 206 E. Marvin. He was denied the HT exemption for 2019 because of additional gingerbread trim and inappropriate railing. Mr. Wall secured an historic photo supporting the Commission's decision and sought advice on restoring the property to a more historic appearance. After some discussion it was recommended that Mr. Wall remove the extra gingerbread trim and the railing. If he wants to add a railing to the front façade in the future he should consult with the Commission on the proper type.

Taylor Call spoke to the Commission about his property at 1009 W. Main. His restoration plans were approved previously and the process has taken longer than expected. He brought a piece of what is likely one of the original porch columns and told the Commission about the difficulty in finding a suitable replacement/alternative. One source has been located for columns that will be similar and he asked for approval of that design. He also requested reversal of the denial of his 2019 HT tax exemption

application and consideration for the 50% restoration incentive in light of his expenditures and diligence in doing a proper restoration of the property. The Commission could take no formal action but will inquire about appraisal district time lines and will consider calling a special meeting to address Mr. Call's requests after that determination.

Chris Acker came back to the meeting to address the Commission. He noted that there are currently at least 7 buildings downtown that are painted white. He asked them to drive around and note for themselves number of buildings already that color.

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

Becky Kauffman congratulated Mary Lou Shipley on her re-election to City Council. Anita reported on the results of the 2019 tax exemption season and stated that she had to order a new batch of markers for the first time since 2007.

**6. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Louis Brown and seconded by Peggy Crabtree. **All ayes.**  
Meeting adjourned at 5:54 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Anita Brown Simpson*