

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MINUTES

A regular meeting of the City of Brenham’s Historic Preservation Board was held on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 beginning at 5:30 PM in the Brenham City Hall, Council Chambers, at 200 W. Vulcan Street, Brenham, Texas.

Board Members present:

Brad Tegeler- Vice Chair
Jennifer Hermann
Stacy Marhofer
Rachel Nordt
Charles Keese

Board Members absent:

Hal Moorman- Chair

Guests:

Pete Simpson, Floyd’s Wine Lounge

City Staff present:

Susan Cates, Historic Preservation Officer
Cynthia Timpa, Economic Development Assistant

Call meeting to order

Vice Chair Brad Tegeler called the meeting to order.

Public Comments

None

Regular Session

1. Discuss and possibly act upon approval of minutes from June 3, 2022.

A motion was made by Board member Jennifer Hermann to approve the minutes and seconded by Board member Stacy Marhofer.

Board member Rachel Nordt requested a correction to Board members present to reflect that she was there, as shown by her vote noted later in the minutes.

Board member Jennifer Hermann amended her motion to approve the June 3, 2022 minutes with noted change. Board member Stacy Marhofer amended her second.

The motion passed with voting as follows:

Brad Tegeler	Yes
Jennifer Hermann	Yes
Charles Keese	Yes
Stacy Marhofer	Yes
Rachel Nordt	Yes

2. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon a Certificate of Appropriateness Application Received from Pete Simpson of Floyd’s Wine Lounge at 315 S. Baylor Street.

This item was presented by Susan Cates, referring to the Certificate of Appropriateness Application and how it relates to Ordinance No. 0-21-016 (Historic Preservation Ordinance). 315 S. Baylor is not a contributing building in the National Register Historic District. The shipping container must be considered a “building” under City code in order to be allowed as an accessory building. Therefore, it is subject to City zoning laws and building permits. The decision before the board is to approve or disapprove the application based on the impact of the building on the Downtown Historic District.

Discussion followed regarding the appropriateness of the shipping container in this particular area of Downtown that is adjacent to the BNSF rail spur. Ms. Cates stated that this was presented as a discussion-only item at the October 3, 2022 Main Street Board meeting. The feedback from Main Street Board members is that a shipping container is suitable for this site, but not others areas of Downtown that are not adjacent to the rail easement.

Pete Simpson, the applicant, described the 8’ X 20’ shipping container, the plan for painting it to coordinate with the existing building beside which it is placed, and the structural requirements the City requires. Board member Charles Keese asked if Mr. Simpson is willing to make the building more aesthetically pleasing. Mr. Simpson said not unless the city requires it, as he feels that it is appropriate for the area (which is railroad adjacent), it is a storage unit only, and is intended to be low-cost storage for dry goods. He committed to making the mural and paint colors compatible with existing building colors. He also committed to placing the unit where it will not obstruct any view of the historic buildings and structures.

Ms. Cates noted that Mr. Simpson will need to submit paint and murals to the Historic Preservation Officer for approval as an Administrative Certificate of Appropriateness per the Ordinance.

The motion was made by Board member Jennifer Hermann to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for a storage container as an accessory storage building in this railroad adjacent area with a second by Board member Charles Keese.

The motion passed with voting as follows:

Brad Tegeler	Yes
Jennifer Hermann	Yes
Stacy Marhofer	Yes
Rachel Nordt	Yes
Charles Keese	Yes

3. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Scheduling Regular Meeting Days and Times for the Historic Preservation Board

Ms. Cates requested information from Board members regarding preferred days for the board to meet. She noted that a meeting is called whenever an application is received that needs board approval or input. The consensus is that the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th Tuesday of the month is the best day, and 5:30 is the best time.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Rachel Nordt and seconded by Jennifer Hermann. The motion passed unanimously.

Brad Tegeler
Board Vice-Chair

Date

ATTEST:

Jennifer Eckermann for Susan S. Cates
Historic Preservation Officer

Date