

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MINUTES

A regular meeting of the City of Brenham's Historic Preservation Board was held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Brenham City Hall, Council Chambers, at 200 W. Vulcan Street, Brenham, Texas.

Board Members present:

Becky Bosse
Rachel Nordt
Brad Tegeler
Tommy Upchurch

Board Members absent:

Hal Moorman- Chair
Jennifer Hermann
Charles Keese

City Staff present:

Historic Preservation Officer Jennifer Eckermann
Tourism and Marketing Coordinator Nancy Joiner

Community:

David Thomas, Brenham Heritage Museum

Call meeting to Order

Board member Brad Tegeler called the meeting to order, since the Chair Hal Moorman was absent.

Public Comments

None

Regular Session

3. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Election of Historic Preservation Board Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for a Term of One Year

It was discussed since there was no Chair and two board members absent it was agreed upon that this item would be tabled and no action taken in electing a Chair and Vice Chair until all board members were present.

A motion was made by Board member Becky Bosse to table this item until all board members are present with a second by Board member Rachel Nordt.

The motion passed with voting as follows:

Hal Moorman	Absent
Becky Bosse	Yes
Brad Tegeler	Yes
Jennifer Hermann	Absent
Charles Keese	Absent
Rachel Nordt	Yes
Tommy Upchurch	Yes

4. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Approval of Minutes from November 28, 2023, Board Meeting

The motion was made by Board member Tommy Upchurch to approve the minutes with a second by Board member Rachel Nordt.

The motion passed with voting as follows:

Hal Moorman	Absent
Becky Bosse	Yes
Brad Tegeler	Yes
Jennifer Hermann	Absent
Charles Keese	Absent
Rachel Nordt	Yes
Tommy Upchurch	Yes

5. Discuss and Possibly Act a Certificate of Appropriateness Application for 309 S Park Street, Brenham, Texas

This item was presented by Jennifer Eckermann, Historic Preservation Officer. 309 S Park Street is located at the NE corner of the intersection of Park Street and the BNSF Railroad tracks. The owner is Ross Martella, who has approved the improvements requested by Pioneer Smokehouse owner Mark Renn. Renn was notified in November of 2023. That the health code now requires that his smoker, located on the east side of the property, be enclosed. A plan to build a simple structure around the existing smoker tailer that could be easily roofed with weathered tin and screened with metal screening. Renn plans to complete the bottom half of the enclosure with weathered tin to match surrounding structures.

A meeting with Renn, Development Services Director Stephanie Doland, Building Official Allen Jacobs, Fired Marshall Steven Loving, and Building Inspector Mark Pierce to discuss the project. Renn explained at the meeting that while the required enclosure was being built, he planned to add covered eating space next to it, using the same materials required for the smoker enclosure. Development Services determined the plans and drawings presented would meet the new requirements of the health code.

In the Historic Preservation Ordinance, a Certificate of Appropriateness is required for Significant Alterartions, and this project, although not connected to a historic building, qualifies

as significant because a building permit is necessary to meet construction requirements. (Sec. 13-7 (b)(1))

Staff recommends approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness Application for improvements to the property located at 309 S. Park Street.

Drainage was discussed about the backside of the property. Renn was called prior to the meeting about this subject and said that the rain flows to Park Street, and it would not be a problem. Renn said if it is a problem, then he would install gutters on the back of the structures. It was suggested that Renn contact his back-door neighbor, Doug Peck, and let him know about the structure and drainage issue.

A motion was made by Board member Becky Bosse to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness application submitted by Mark Renn of Pioneer Smokehouse to enclose around his existing smoker using weathered tin and screened with metal screening, add a new structure beside the smoker using the same materials as the smoker, and be a good neighbor and notify Doug Peck about possible drainage.

The motion passed with voting as follows:

Hal Moorman	Absent
Becky Bosse	Yes
Brad Tegeler	Yes
Jennifer Hermann	Absent
Charles Keese	Absent
Rachel Nordt	Yes
Tommy Upchurch	Yes

WORK SESSION

6. Administrative Report

This item was presented by Jennifer Eckermann, Historic Preservation Officer. She has worked on two other Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) projects. The first was an application by the owner of a new business at 210 E. Alamo that, with the building owner's approval, requested an Administrative COA to paint trim on the building. The request was approved with a Determination Letter dated January 9, 2024.

Another project concerns the property located at 407 S. Park, which is a leased warehouse space. The owner requested approval of Development Services for a storage container to be placed in front of the property, to expand usable space. Development Services staff sent them to her for Historic Preservation Board consideration. As the office, she would not recommend approval of the storage container. She expects an application for this project to be completed in time for the next meeting.

Eckermann shared plans surrounding Visit Brenham's hosting of the Smithsonian's traveling exhibit program, called Museum on Main Street. She also shared their goals for hosting, partners who have signed on with the project, and plans underway for local exhibits. Cultural programs

and activities being planned county-wide. She would like to discuss ways the Historic Preservation Board might partner on the program.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2024.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Brad Tegeler

Board Chair

ATTEST:

Nancy Joiner

Tourism and Marketing Coordinator