

City of Lockhart
Historical Preservation Commission
August 17, 2016

MINUTES

Members Present: Kathy McCormick, Terence Gahan, John Lairsen, Ronda Reagan

Members Absent: Juan Alvarez, Jr., Victor Corpus, Richard Mendez

Staff Present: Yvette Aguado, Laura DeVore, Dan Gibson

Public Present:

1. Call to Order. Vice-Chair McCormick called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

2. Consider the minutes of the June 15, 2016 meeting.

Commissioner Lairsen moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Reagan seconded, and the motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

3. Review a custom-built bicycle rack design and location as a proposed streetscape element in the historic district and recommend appropriate action to Keep Lockhart Beautiful Committee.

Mr. Gibson reminded the Commission that there was a recent text amendment made to the Historical Preservation Ordinance which gave the Commission the responsibility to review and make recommendations regarding improvements to the public right of way. He said that this item was the first use of that text amendment. He noted that the Commission would be making a recommendation to the Keep Lockhart Beautiful committee.

Ms. DeVore stated that the Keep Lockhart Beautiful Committee submitted information regarding the design and a proposed location for a custom-built bicycle rack to be placed in the East Market Street right-of-way as a proposed streetscape element. She explained that since the proposed location is in the right-of-way in the historic district, it was brought to the Lockhart Historic Preservation Commission for consideration. She noted that the Commission would be making a recommendation of appropriate action to the Keep Lockhart Beautiful Committee regarding the design and proposed location. She passed around some illustrations of the proposed design of the rack, along with a map showing the proposed location.

Ms. DeVore explained that staff was concerned that the proposed location may leave bicyclists vulnerable to traffic. She also discussed that the Sustainable Places Plan had the area identified as an area to be transformed into a pedestrian refuge in the future. Ms. DeVore explained that staff felt that the design functionality, security, and stability was of even greater concern to staff and that staff felt that the design was inadequate for bicycle parking.

Commissioner Reagan stated that she agreed with staff's alternative location recommendations due to the safety of the patrons, particularly families with small children.

Mr. Gibson explained and demonstrated the inadequacies of the proposed bicycle rack design and presented photos of alternative designs which staff felt would be much more functional for the community and different types of bicycles.

Commissioner Reagan moved to recommend an alternative location for the bike rack instead of the one being proposed and moved to recommend that location be the parking space located at the corner of Market and Main on the west side of the former Tax office building. Commissioner Lairsen seconded, and the motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

Commissioner Lairsen moved to recommend that Keep Lockhart Beautiful use the "wave bicycle rack design" because it was more sturdy, more secure, and more functional. He moved that the recommendation include using a black version of the "wave bicycle rack design" and that, if funds allow, three similar additional locations in the downtown area be selected for bicycle rack installation, as well as a replacement for the existing one at the Library, which was identified to be in poor condition. Commissioner Gahan seconded, and the motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

4. Discuss the date and agenda of the next meeting, including Commission requests for agenda items.

Ms. DeVore stated that no applications had been submitted at this time. She mentioned that she was aware of items that would be coming to the Commission for a meeting in September. She noted that Historic Landmarks would be an agenda item discussed at the next meeting

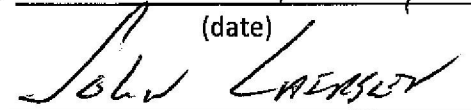
Mr. Gibson noted that there was now a vacancy on the Commission, with Chair Mendez's resignation. He clarified that the Commission wished to go ahead and elect a new Chairperson at the next meeting, regardless of if the vacant position was filled.

6. Adjourn.

Commissioner Reagan moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Lairsen seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0, and the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.


Yvette Aguado, Recording Secretary

Approved: _____ 9/7/16
(date)


Kathy McCormick, Vice-Chair


John Lairsen, Chair