

City of Lockhart
Historical Preservation Commission
April 21, 2021

MINUTES

Members Present: Ray Ramsey, Christine Ohlendorf, John Lairsen, Ronda Reagan, Michel Royal

Members Absent: Rick Thomson, Ron Faulstich

Staff Present: Yvette Aguado, Kevin Waller

Public Present: Edgar Gutierrez (applicant's representative, Agenda Item (4))

1. Call meeting to order. Chair Lairsen called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
2. Citizen comments not related to an agenda item.

None.

3. Consider the minutes of the April 7, 2021 meeting.

Commissioner Ramsey moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Ohlendorf seconded, and the motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

4. CFA-21-10. Consider a request by Ricardo Rodriguez for approval of a Certificate for Alteration for two window signs for a new business establishment entitled The Lounge Sports Bar on Part of Lot 6, Block 17, Original Town of Lockhart, zoned CCB (Commercial Central Business District) and located at 211 East Market Street.

Planning Staff Kevin Waller reported that the applicant proposes two identical window signs with one located on each of the double-door entry glass panels. The signs will feature the business name with stylized lettering, framed by a double-rectangular outline set against a circular background, and "Sports Bar" in all-caps beneath "The Lounge" lettering. The signs are small, measuring 1.87 square feet each, for a total of 3.74 square feet. The applicant also proposes to replace the existing hanging sign from the previous tenant with a new hanging sign of identical four-foot by two-foot dimensions, which is considered a change of sign face and does not require a Sign Permit or Certificate for Alteration. Mr. Waller presented Staff's report with a PowerPoint presentation and answered Commissioners' questions. Staff recommended approval.

Vice-Chair Reagan moved to approve CFA-21-10 as presented. Commissioner Ramsey seconded, and the motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

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

Mr. Waller stated that one application has been submitted for the upcoming May 5th meeting for the installation of a dryer vent to penetrate through the roof of a mixed-use building downtown.

Chair Lairsen asked for a status update on Staff's research of other jurisdictions' Historic Tree Ordinances.

Mr. Waller explained that due to workload, Staff has not yet had an opportunity to research those ordinances, but hopes to have an update for the Commission in the near future.

Vice-chair Reagan asked about the size threshold for a tree to be able to be removed, and whether a permit is required.

Mr. Waller explained the Tree Removal Permit process, which allows trees under 72 inches in circumference, measured 4 ½ feet from the ground level, to be removed, subject to the permit. Any tree exceeding this circumference is considered a "Protected Tree", and cannot be removed.

Commissioner Royal asked if the permit form specifies which tree species are considered protected.

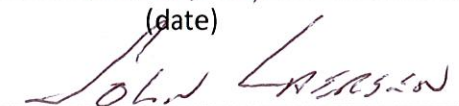
Mr. Waller replied that the form states that any tree of 72 inches in circumference or greater is considered a protected tree.

Discussion ensued regarding the new City outdoor gathering area at the corner of East Market and South Commerce Streets.

6. Adjournment.

Commissioner Royal moved to adjourn the meeting, and Vice-chair Reagan seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0, and the meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.


Yvette Aguado, Recording Secretary

Approved: 5/18/21
(date)

John Lairsen, Chair