

**City of Lockhart  
Historical Preservation Commission  
May 7, 2025**

**MINUTES**

Members Present: Christine Ohlendorf, Ray Ramsey, Ron Faulstich, Jerry Haug

Members Absent: Kevin Thuerwaechter, Marcia Proctor, Frank Gomillion

Staff Present: David Fowler, Kevin Waller, Romy Brossman

Public Present: Jay and Bianca DeLaCruz (applicants, Agenda Item 4), Chad Rea (applicant, Item 5), Grace Reyer (applicant, Item 6), Don O'Neil (applicant, Item 7), and Timothy Wakefield (applicant, Item 8), Cindy Gibeaux

1. Call meeting to order. Vice-Chair Ohlendorf called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.
2. Citizen comments not related to an agenda item. None
3. Consider the minutes of the April 23, 2025, meeting.

*Commissioner Haug moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Ramsey seconded; the motion passed by a vote of 4 - 0.*

4. **CFA-25-09.** Consider a request by Jay De La Cruz of Double Down Construction for approval of a Certificate for Alteration for a new awning on part of Lot 5, Block 22, Original Town of Lockhart, zoned CCB (Commercial Central Business) and located at 107 N. Main St.

Planning Staff Kevin Waller presented the staff report via PowerPoint. The applicant proposes a new awning at the subject property. The awning will be an extruded aluminum, flat tie-back canopy with a 24-gauge standing seam and a mill finished underside. It will have a rust color, powder coat finish, be engineered, and measure 37 feet wide with a 6-foot projection. It will be attached to the building using existing wall hangers and mounted flushed and sealed to the existing blocking where a previous awning was attached. Mr. Waller noted that a citizen comment was received voicing concern about the shorter, 6 foot awning projection over the sidewalk, as well as drainage. Staff recommends approval for the project.

Applicant Jay De La Cruz, 1607 Bluebell Cir., Lockhart, TX, discussed the engineering process for the awning and stated that the preferred projection is 8 feet. He continued that the awning is being modeled after the awning across the street at "Logos."

Property owner Cindy Gibeaux, 107 N. Main St, Lockhart, TX, discussed design details and strategies to avoid property damage.

Commissioner Faulstich discussed possible design and drainage options with the applicant and business owner. He expressed that an 8 or 9 foot awning would be preferred.

*Vice-Chair Ohlendorf moved to approve CFA-25-09, with the recommendation for an awning projecting to the edge of the sidewalk if determined feasible by an engineer, or an awning projecting 6 feet with an engineer's letter stating an 8 foot projection is not possible. Commissioner Faulstich seconded; the motion passed by a vote of 4 - 0.*

5. **CFA-25-10.** Consider a request by Chad Rea for approval of a Certificate for Alteration for window and hanging signs on Lot 2, Block 23, Original Town of Lockhart, on property zoned CCB (Commercial Central Business), and located at 111 E. San Antonio St.

Mr. Waller presented the staff report and explained that the applicant proposes a window sign and hanging sign for a new retail art gallery and gift shop at the subject property. The window sign will be an abstract representation of a smiley face consisting of an "X" set at an angle with a wide "U" shape below. The hanging sign will feature the business name, "Cult of Happy", in black lettering against a white background, framed with a black border. Staff recommends approval.

Applicant Chad Rea respectfully reported that he had nothing to say.

*Commissioner Ramsey moved to approve CFA-25-10, with Staff's conditions that the property owner's signature be provided on the application form, prior to sign permit issuance, and that the hanging sign maintain at least 7 feet of clearance above the public sidewalk. Vice-Chair Ohlendorf seconded; the motion passed by a vote of 4 - 0.*

6. **CFA-25-11.** Consider a request by Grace Reyer for approval of a Certificate for Alteration for new signage and the repainting of a portion of the front façade to a different color on part of Lot 6, Block 20, Original Town of Lockhart, on property zoned CCB (Commercial Central Business), and located at 215 W. Market St., Suite B.

Mr. Waller reported that two window signs are proposed, as well as the repainting of the front façade to a different color (white) for the Plum Creek Records and Tapes retail store. The two decal signs will be placed on the glass of the front double doors, with each measuring 4.2 square feet in size. The repainting will occur beneath the awning. Staff recommends approval.

*Vice-Chair Ohlendorf moved to approve CFA-25-11 as presented. Commissioner Ramsey seconded; the motion passed by a vote of 4 - 0.*

7. **CFA-25-12.** Consider a request by Don O'Neil for approval of a Certificate for Alteration for a front door replacement, painting over clerestory windows, and two new signs on part of Lot 4, Block 22, Original Town of Lockhart, on property zoned CCB (Commercial Central Business), and located at 119 N. Main St.

Mr. Waller reported that the proposal includes a new window sign, projecting wall sign, new front door, and the painting of clerestory windows on the front façade. The window sign will be located on the glass of the new front door. The projecting wall sign will be square in shape and made of black wood with brass foil. This sign will hang 8 feet above the sidewalk from a black iron bracket attached to the building with existing awning bolts. The existing, damaged

front door will be replaced with a single pane glass door and painted the same red color. The clerestory windows will be painted over in the same red color. Staff recommends approval of the proposed project.

Applicant Don O'Neil, 542 FM 672, Lockhart, TX, introduced himself to the Commission.

Commissioner Faulstich asked the applicant if the vent in the photo, above and to the right of the front door, is functioning. He also asked if, instead of painting over the windows, a solid piece of wood, painted the same red, could be installed over the vent and clerestory windows.

Mr. O'Neil replied that wood paneling could be used in lieu of painting over the clerestory windows, and that the landlord must okay the alteration.

*Commissioner Ramsey moved to approve CFA-25-12, with the condition that the clerestory windows and vent are covered with a wood panel, painted the same existing red color. Commissioner Faulstich seconded; the motion passed by a vote of 4 - 0.*

8. CFA-25-13. Consider a request by Timothy Wakefield for approval of a Certificate for Alteration for new signage, hanging flower baskets, and planter boxes on part of Lot 4-A, Block 22, Original Town of Lockhart, on property zoned CCB (Commercial Central Business) and located at 115 N. Main St.

Mr. Waller reported that the proposal is for two new wall signs, four hanging flower baskets, and two planter boxes for Soundwaves Art Foundation. The two signs will be placed on either side of the entry and will feature changing information about new artists, print releases, and events. Each sign will be made of canvas with a wood frame, affixed to the walls through the mortar joints, and will measure 18 inches by 30 inches. The signs will be changed-out monthly. The baskets will be hung from brackets attached to the wall through the mortar. The two iron planter boxes are already in place in front of the windows. Staff recommends approval.

Commissioner Faulstich asked the applicant how the signs will be removed and replaced.

Applicant Timothy Wakefield, 201 N. Pecos St, Lockhart, TX, replied that the signs will be professionally mounted and the same holes will be reused.

*Commissioner Faulstich moved to approve CFA-25-13, with Staff's condition that the hanging flower baskets maintain at least 7 feet of clearance above the public sidewalk. Commissioner Ramsey seconded; the motion passed by a vote of 4 - 0.*


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

The Commission requested that a discussion about awnings, specifically awning materials, be added to a future agenda.


Mr. Waller stated that the next regularly scheduled meeting would be held June 4<sup>th</sup>, and that no applications have been received to date.

10. Adjournment.

*Commissioner Faulstich moved to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Haug seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0, and the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.*

  
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Romy Brossman, Recording Secretary

Approved: 4 Jun 2025  
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Kevin Thuerwaechter, Chairman