

**City of Lockhart**  
**Historical Preservation Commission**  
**February 4, 2026**

**MINUTES**

Members Present: Kevin Thuerwaechter, Ron Faulstich, Jerry Haug, Marcia Proctor, Frank Gomillion

Members Absent: Christine Ohlendorf, Ray Ramsey

Staff Present: Kevin Waller, Betzy Torres, David Fowler, Fatema Akter

Public Present: Jessica Harrison (applicant, Agenda Item 4)

1. Call meeting to order. Chair Thuerwaechter called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Citizen comments not related to an agenda item. None
3. Consider the minutes of the January 7, 2026, meeting.

*Commissioner Faulstich moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Haug seconded; the motion passed by a vote of 5-0.*

4. CFA-26-01. Consider a request by Jessica Harrison for approval of a Certificate for Alteration for a window sign and hanging wall sign on Lot 2, Block 23, Original Town of Lockhart, on property zoned CCB (Commercial Central Business), and located at 111 East San Antonio St.

Planning Staff Kevin Waller came forward to present the staff report to the Commission. The report included case maps and photos of the subject property. He stated that the applicant proposes a window sign and a hanging sign for a new retail business, **Fringe House Vintage**, located in the former "Cult of Happy" storefront. The signage includes a vinyl window sign on the front door and a wooden hanging sign displaying the business name. An additional small hours-of-operation sign will be installed and is exempt from permitting requirements. Staff recommends approval of the Certificate for Alteration, with a condition requiring a minimum 7-foot clearance above the public sidewalk for the hanging sign.

Chair Thuerwaechter asked if the Commissioners had any questions for staff or the applicant. There were no questions for either.

*Commissioner Gomillion moved to approve CFA-26-01, with Staff's condition. Commissioner Haug seconded; the motion passed by a vote of 4-0 with Commissioner Faulstich abstaining.*

5. Consider a recommendation to the City Council for the proposed text amendments to Sections 28-10(d), 28-10(e)(3), and 28-11(b)(3) of the Historic Districts and Landmarks Ordinance.

Mr. Waller shared that the Commission is considering ordinance amendments related to ordinary maintenance in Historic Districts and on City-designated Historic Landmarks. Proposed changes would allow repainting of previously painted exterior surfaces to include changes in color shade (but not entirely new colors) without requiring a Certificate for Alteration, and would clarify inconsistencies in the ordinance, while confirming that no city permit is required for painting or repainting. Repainting to a completely different color would still require approval. Additionally, an amendment is proposed to allow the use of composite, wood-like materials to replace painted exterior wood surfaces without a Certificate for Alteration, provided the new material is painted or colored to match the original. The Commission will vote on these amendments and make a recommendation to City Council, which will make the final decision.

Commissioner Faulstich asked if the option to paint unpainted brick through a Certificate for Alteration approval can be removed, and thereby prohibited.

Mr. Fowler stated that Section 28-10 (e)(3) does read as a prohibition on painting unpainted brick, but it can allow the applicant to apply for a Certificate for Alteration, and it is up to the Commission to approve or deny.

Mr. Faulstich stated that he does not agree with that, due to the applicant still being able to take it to City Council if they get a denial from the Commission.

The Commissioners agreed that the proposed text amendments will help to clean up the current language, and would like Staff to share with City Council that future updates to the Ordinance may be necessary in order to maximize preservation efforts.

*Commissioner Proctor moved to recommend approval of the proposed text amendments to the City Council. Commissioner Gomillion seconded; the motion passed by a vote of 5-0.*

6. Discuss the funding status for City-designated historic landmark plaques.

Mr. Waller explained that there is no specific earmarked budget for the plaques, but there are funds from the Planning Department's printing and materials budget that could be utilized for a few plaques at this time. They will need a design to be chosen first, determine the costs, and then approach the Landmark owners who are interested in one. Mr. Waller reminded the Commission to update Staff on which Landmark owners would like a plaque.

Commissioner Faulstich stated that it would be more affordable if they ordered in bulk of the same type. He offered to assist with a couple design mockups.

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

Mr. Waller stated that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, with one application submitted to date.

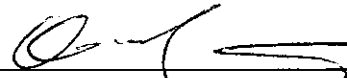
8. Adjournment.

*Commissioner Faulstich moved to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Proctor seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0, and the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.*



Betzy Torres, Recording Secretary

Approved: 3/4/2026  
(date)



~~Kevin Thuerwaechter, Chairman~~  
Christine Ohlendorf, Vice Chair