

Minutes

Historic Landmark Commission

Special Called Meeting, 1209 Fiorella, Castroville TX

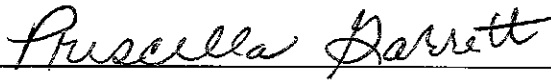
September 22, 2022, 6:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order: 6:31 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Jeff Gardner, Rick Baes, Priscilla Garrett, Houston Marchman; Kyle McVey, Cindy Maloney, Council Liaison Phil King
Absent: Dan Maloney.
3. Citizen Comments: Open 6:32. None
4. Approval of Minutes from Previous meeting: Minutes from May 25, 2022, Motion to approve by Jeff Gardner, 2nd Houston Marchman, Approved.
5. 1113 Alamo: Discussion and appropriate action on a request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a renovation at 1113 Alamo which would include plastering over the wood siding. Action would replace exterior wood siding with plaster in a white color. Request meets both Castroville Design Guidelines for Historic Properties and the Secretary of the Interior Standards. Motion to approve by Houston Marchman, 2nd Rick Baes. Motion passes
6. 1109 Fiorella: Discussion and appropriate action on a request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a sign at 1109 Fiorella. Information provided: Signpost would be wood, Sign itself plastic with a 12 square foot area and a height of 4 feet. A picture of the proposed sign was presented and meets the Castroville Design Guidelines for Historic Properties and the Secretary of Interior Standards. Motion to approve by Rick Baes, 2nd Houston Marchman. Motion passes.
7. Discussion with Bryan Persyn, a local realtor, on establishing guidelines for a real estate disclosure process. There is concern that when a historic property that is covered by ordinance is being sold the coverage may not be fully disclosed to the buyer by the seller or the agent. The State has guidance/ law for agents that covers disclosure matters but we lack any wording in our ordinance addressing the issue that buyers be made aware of guidelines on Historic homes in Castroville prior to purchase. Staff will check to see if the State guidance/law is sufficient for our purposes or do we need to update our ordinance in some way to cover disclosure. Also suggested is a packet be made available of the Ordinance and Guidelines to agents and/or sellers/buyers. The due diligence of this committee and the Code Compliance Officer, if we see a For Sale sign in the yard of a covered historic property, would be to check with Staff on the issue of disclosure.
8. Discussion on establishing guidelines for historic parks, which include September Square and Houston Square. Commission was provided copies of the sections from the Parks Master Plan so we are familiar with the Recommendations for the squares in that document. At the March 29, 2022 meeting we received input from the public on the installation of monuments, markers and plaques for the squares. The majority of those suggestions were to keep it simple. Suggestions for the guidelines for September Square would be to continue the brick walkways which encompass both veterans and families, a limited number of benches made in the same style and material and maintain the open space for events. Concern was raised about how much leeway we would have on approval since the Squares are

significantly a concern for so many citizens. Just how much would City Council allow us to approve under our current Certificates of Appropriateness process without forwarding to Council. We directed Staff to have council, through an agenda item, outline for us actions that would need to be forwarded to them for approval. Further discussion was tabled until further guidance is received.

9. Discussion on establishing guidelines to recommend that historic homes listed on 1969 Texas Historical Commission Survey display a plaque. The black silhouette of an Alsatian house with the original owner and date in white letters are displayed on numerous historic homes in town but not on all of the 96 homes/structures covered by our ordinance. We would like to pursue the possibility of the city providing the opportunity for each owner of a home covered by ordinance to have one of the plaques if they want one at the city's expense. We will take a count of how many we may need and contact possible businesses for prices. Request that Staff present the idea to Council,

10. Meeting adjourned at 7:55



Approved: Chairperson