



MINUTES
Preservation Commission
Monday, March 20th, 2023
City Hall/Civic Center – 5:30 p.m.

1. **Roll Call:** Mr. Rhodes called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Members Present: Rhodes, Bittle, Norris-Price, Ashby, Zurlinden, and Brown

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Gibson

Guests: None

2. **Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Brown moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Bittle the minutes of February 27th, 2023.

The motion to approve the minutes passed with a unanimous voice vote.

3. **Communication and Reports:**

- a) Educational and Technical Assistance Committee
 - a. No Report
- b) Nomination and Hardship Committee
 - a. No report
- c) Work Plan Committee
 - a. No Report
- d) Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
 - a. Update on 511 West Walnut COA approval – There was a discussion about the improvements to be made and the approval of the COA.
- e) Preservation Month Subcommittee
 - a. No Report

4. **Old Business:**

- a. None

5. **New Business:**

- a. Approve FY 24 Schedule of Regular Meetings – There was a discussion of the approval for the FY 24 Schedule, it was agreed upon to change the November 20th meeting to November 13th. The schedule was moved to be approved by Ms. Norris-Price and seconded by Ms. Brown.

- b. Discuss Preservation Award Nominations and Deadline for Application Submissions – There was a discussion on nominating the Hughes Building for the Preservation Award. Mr. Zurlinden spoke with Chris Post with SIH to confirm he is okay with receiving the Preservation Award for the Hughes Building. There was a discussion on whether there were any properties worthy nominations on the North and East side of town. Ms. Gibson stated she will bring all applications and photos to the next meeting on April 17th for the commission members to vote on for awards. Ms. Gibson stated that the Preservation budget will most likely only be enough for three awards. There was a discussion of the Hillcrest neighborhood receiving a historic district designation.
- c. Demolition Permits Received: Residence at 810 N. James St. – There was a discussion over the recent demolition of 810 N. James St. There was a discussion of a vacant house registry in effort to preserve or repair historic properties before they get to the point of needing demolished.

6. Comments from the Public, Commission Members, or Staff

- a. There was a discussion on submitting applications for the upcoming Preservation Awards. There was a discussion on the Yellow Cab building and the environmental issues related to construction on the property. There was a discussion on the City's TIF program. There was a discussion regarding ADA compliance in historic buildings being used by businesses. There was a discussion on the restoration of 503 Pecan, a property currently listed for sale. There was a discussion of the new commissioner, Peg Falcone.

7. Adjournment:

Mr. Zurlinden moved to adjourn, and was seconded by Mr. Rhodes, the meeting ended at 6:35 p.m.