On this 14th day of January 2020 the Historic Review Board convened in regular session at the Law Enforcement Center, with the following members present to constitute a quorum:

PRESENT: LARRY JACKSON
          RICHARD LAUGHLIN
          ERIC PARKER
          MIKE PENICK
          KAREN OESTREICH (voting alternate)
          BARRY KAISER (non-voting alternate)
          SHARON JOSEPH
          JESSICA DAVIS

ABSENT BRAD BERTRAND
         DAVID BULLION

ALSO PRESENT: ANNA HUDSON – Historic Preservation Officer
               DANIEL JONES – City Attorney
               SHELBY COLLIER – Development Coordinator

Sharon Joseph called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

MINUTES

Eric Parker made a motion to approve the minutes presented from the December 2019 meeting, seconded by Karen Oestreich. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anna Hudson, Historic Preservation Officer, passed out a list of Administrative COA’s (8) issued in the past month. She also reminded the Board of the wood window workshop scheduled for January 18th at Bethany Lutheran Church. Brent Hull of Hull Millwork will be speaking. The Board will also meet regarding the Historic District Design Guidelines. The steering committee will meet at 1:30 P.M. and the public meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. A joint meeting will be held with City Council and Planning and Zoning on February 11th at 2:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.
CONSENT AGENDA

Application # 19-158 – 230 E. Main – Drew McMillan – rear addition


Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Karen Oestreicht. Seconded by Mike Penick. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

APPLICATIONS


Anna Hudson, Historic Preservation Officer, stated the applicant is requesting approval to replace a picket fence that was removed before the recent purchase of the property. The fence was previously in City right of way and will require a variance to be allowed to be put back in the ROW.

Staff recommends approval of the replacement of the picket fence in the same location as shown on the survey provided by the new owner. The HRB’s recommendation will be forwarded to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Julie Festervan, property owner, presented the application and requested permission to install a picket fence in the City ROW.

Motion to approve Application 19-163 made by Richard Laughlin and seconded by Eric Parker. All voted in favor and the motion carried.


Anna Hudson, Historic Preservation Officer, stated the applicant is requesting approval to re-rate carport structure to allow for demolition.

The main house has a high rating. Individual appurtenances were not given separate ratings, as such the appurtenances are given the same rating as the main house unless specifically addressed. The carport is not original to the site and is not of the same vintage as the house. It does not contribute to the district. Staff recommends a re-rating to low to allow for demolition.

Fencing was not addressed in the original application, however given that the property will be used as a restaurant with significant vehicular use, staff recommends a solid 6’ fence be installed on the rear property line to help protect the residential uses on adjoining properties.
Andy Bray, presented the application. He is not certain that the fencing should be a requirement.

Eric Parker made a motion to approve Application #19-148 to re-rate to low to allow for demolition without the requirement for fencing, seconded by Larry Jackson. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Application #19-149 – 100 – 300 blocks of E. Main & 100 block of W. Main – City of Fredericksburg Electric Department – Replace light poles.

Anna Hudson, Historic Preservation Officer, stated the applicant is requesting approval to replace light poles (installed in 1950s) with new poles with mast arm and street light that resembles antique street lights that were previously used in Fredericksburg. The pole is made of prestressed spun-cast concrete that is similar in appearance to local granite. The pole will have a decorative base, a flag attachment, side walk lighting and hanging baskets. Poles are available in different colors including black, green, brown and red. Lee Stubblefield presented the application. He provided a drawing that depicts the poles Staff is interested in. Richard Laughlin made a motion to approve Application #19-149 in green subject to compliance with dark skies ordinance. Eric Parker seconded. All voted in favor.

Application #19-136 – 616 E. Main St – City of Fredericksburg – Recommendation on landmark designation.

Richard Laughlin, Barry Kaiser and Mike Penick all recused themselves and left the table.

Anna Hudson, Historic Preservation Officer, presented the application. Staff is requesting a recommendation to City Council to designate the property as an individual landmark with a “high” rating.

Sarah Penick spoke as the owner of the property and went on to say she disagrees with the recommendation for Landmark Designation. Jim Chapman, the ownership attorney, spoke regarding the designation. He stated he believes the application is deficient based on the Field Guide to Gas Stations release by TxDOT.

Karen Oestreich made a motion to deny Application #19-136. Eric Parker seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Anna Hudson discussed planning for May – National Historic Preservation Month. She asked the Board about potential events such as awards and tours. Sharon Joseph expressed interest in working with Historic Society to host another awards event.
ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before the Board, Eric Parker moved to adjourn. Richard Laughlin seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 11th day of February 2020.

SHELBY COLLIER, COORDINATOR

SHARON JOSEPH, CHAIRMAN