

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF GILLESPIE  
CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG**

**HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD  
January 14, 2014  
5:30 PM**

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014 the Historic Review Board convened in regular session at the regular meeting place thereof, with the following members present to constitute a quorum:

SHARON JOSEPH  
KAREN OESTREICH  
MIKE PENICK  
CHARLES SCHMIDT

ABSENT: J. HARDIN PERRY  
DAVID BULLION  
ERIC PARKER  
LARRY JACKSON  
STAN KLEIN  
BURLEIGH ARNECKE

ALSO PRESENT: BRIAN JORDAN – Director of Development Services  
PAT MCGOWAN – City Attorney  
KYLE STAUDT - Building Official  
TAMMIE LOTH - Development Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Sharon Joseph.

**MINUTES**

Karen Oestreich moved to approve the minutes from the December 2013 regular meeting. Charles Schmidt seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**APPLICATIONS**

**Application #13-100 by Circle E Candles at 119 E. Main Street to:**

- A) **Add two sconces and two awnings to exterior**
- B) **Add two sheets of laminate glass with gold lettering to exterior**
- C) **Add lettering to top of building on existing signage spot using a 4 x 8 piece of metal to cover granite**
- D) **Add a 3' x 1' sign under front awning** – Sharon Joseph read an email from Stan Klein, a member of the Board who could not be at the meeting, which noted his concerns about the application and voiced his opinion for denial of the application. Mike Penick agreed with Mr. Klein's comments and added even if the windows are left in place and just covered with the glass, it will give the appearance of a single pane glass window, which doesn't represent the time period when the building was constructed. Mr. Penick noted there are very few art deco buildings in town and it is very important to save the historic nature of this one. Mr. Penick explained the bank located in this building was a major facility in the community and it represents a period of time, probably the depression, which is an important period to preserve,

especially because there were not many buildings constructed at that time. Mr. Penick continued the proposals change the building drastically. Mr. Penick added the proposed awnings are only decoration and they do not fit the windows or the character of the building and they hide the original windows so he is not in favor of allowing the awnings. Mr. Penick noted the gold lettering on the existing windows would be acceptable because it doesn't change their appearance. Sharon Joseph noted the tenants could polish the brass on the front of the building to add some color without harming the exterior of the building. Karen Oestreich stated she is not an expert in art deco buildings, but she knows what this building represents to her and stated she believes the proposed alterations cheapen the building. Ms. Oestreich noted she understands the tenants are trying to bring some color to the building but they should highlight the features that are already on the building. Ms. Oestreich suggested something could be done behind the glass bricks above the awning, such as back lighting, that would draw attention to the building. Ms. Joseph noted Fredericksburg was very successful for many decades and the history didn't all happen in the late 1800's. Ms. Joseph continued there are other periods in time when Fredericksburg did remarkable things and opening a bank in 1932 that thrived for decades is one such example. Ms. Oestreich noted the building is an outstanding example of a structure that stands out in its simplicity. Ms. Joseph summarized the Board seems to be in agreement that the only proposal on the application that can be approved is the location of the sign under the awning and the location of the wall sign, although details will have to be presented for the wall sign.

Three representatives from the business entered the meeting and commented they were late because of traffic. Ms. Joseph explained to the applicants the Board was not comfortable with the proposed alterations and they were about to deny the application. One of the applicants asked why and Mr. Penick summarized the discussion that had taken place. Mr. Penick added the location of the sign is acceptable, but a piece of metal covering the granite is not. Ms. Oestreich explained to the applicants the suggestions the Board had to highlight the features of the building. Charles Schmidt added the building makes a statement by itself.

Charles Schmidt moved to deny Application #13-100 and Karen Oestreich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

## **DISCUSSIONS**

**Old Methodist Episcopal Church – 600 E. Main Street** – Kyle Staudt stated work is scheduled to begin on the church the following week.

## **ADJOURN**

With nothing further to come before the Board, Charles Schmidt moved to adjourn. Karen Oestreich seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

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SHELLEY BRITTON, CITY SECRETARY

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SHARON JOSEPH, CHAIRMAN