

Historic Preservation Board Meeting

Minutes – November 5, 2002

Present: Bill Jones, Phil Born, Doug Simons, Tom Streff, Louise Wagner

Not Present: Dennis Pretti and David Bailey

Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, Community Development Department; Tim Moore, Public Works Department

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm at City Hall in the Community Development Conference Room

RIVERSIDE PARKWAY UPDATE: Tim Moore, Public Works Manager with the City Public Works Department presented information regarding the current proposal for the Riverside Parkway plan, specifically the area where it might intersect with South 5th Street / Highway 50. Mr. Moore also briefly went over the entire plan for the Parkway but primarily wanted to inform the Board of the potential impact on the Goodwill Building (Van Gundy property on east side). The proposed intersection design would require acquisition of the property and either moving or demolishing the building which is on the City Register of Historic Sites, Structures and Districts. The Board discussed the proposal and suggested that the environmental analysis of the Parkway project include examining the possibilities of relocating either all or part (at least center portion) of the building. If possible to move it, it might fit in well at a site within the Botanic Gardens or the Las Colonias site.

RECOMMENDATION ON HISTORIC DESIGNATION - 603 LAWRENCE AVENUE: Kristen passed out recent photographs of the residence at 603 Lawrence Avenue and noted that it's condition is much better than it used to be according to the City Code Enforcement Officer. The property owner would simply like to have the home designated due to it's connection with a prominent person in the community – John J. O'Boyle, who was trainmaster for the D&RGW railroad at the time of the home's construction. The Board noted that while modifications have occurred to the structure over the years, the historic architectural integrity of the residence is generally intact and the connection to Mr. O'Boyle adds to the significance.

Tom Streff made a motion to forward the designation to City Council with a recommendation of approval for the following reasons: 1) the structure is more than 50 years old; 2) exemplifies specific elements of an architectural style or period; 3) is an established and familiar visual feature of the City; and 4) enhances the sense of identity of the City. Phil Born seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0).

SUGGESTIONS ON HOME REMODEL IN 7th STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT: Kristen stated that the owner of the home at 727 North 7th Street is proposing to enclose the front porch of the house. According to the drawing provided by and discussions with the owner, it is not intended to construct any more vertical supports – the existing columns will remain and the proposed glazing will be installed between them. The Board supported this approach and suggested that this be reiterated to the applicant.

EXPIRING BOARD TERMS: Kristen reminded the Board that the terms for two Board members will expire in December 2002 – David Bailey and Phil Born and neither may be reappointed under current Council term limitation policy. Both of these positions fill the requirement for certain historic preservation-related expertise so replacements must also meet that requirement. Current Board members may continue to serve until replaced.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.