

**CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS**  
**LANDMARKS & HISTORIC BOARD**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the Board of Review for Landmarks and Historic Districts will meet at 5:30 pm at 808 S. Buchanan, Room 203 located on the second floor of the Simms Building, Amarillo, Texas, on Monday, January 29, 2018. The subjects to be considered at the meeting are shown on the agenda below.

**AGENDA**

- ITEM 1:** Discussion and selection of a Chair and Vice-Chair.
- ITEM 2:** Public Comment: Citizens who desire to address the Landmarks & Historic Board with regard to matters on the agenda or having to do with policies, programs, or services will be received at this time. The total time allotted for comments is three (3) minutes per speaker. The board may not discuss items not on this agenda, but may respond with factual, established policy information, or refer to staff. *(Texas Attorney General Opinion. JC-0169)* If you wish to speak regarding an item on the agenda, please hold your comments until that item is introduced.
- ITEM 3:** Approval of May 25, 2017 Board of Review for Landmarks and Historic Districts meeting minutes
- ITEM 4:** REL-18-01 Relocation of a home situated at 218 S Harrison Street, in GLIDDEN & SANBORN, LOT BLOCK 0021, 7 THRU 10, Potter County, Amarillo, Texas (Vicinity: S Harrison and S.E Third.)  
APPLICANT: Samuel Silverman
- ITEM 5:** Consider future agenda items

**SIGNED** this 23rd day of January 2018.

  
AJ Fawver, AICP, CNU-A

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**STATE OF TEXAS §**  
**COUNTIES OF POTTER §**  
**AND RANDALL §**  
**CITY OF AMARILLO §**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017, the Amarillo Board of Review for Landmarks and Historic Districts (BRLHD) met in a scheduled session at 5:30 p.m. in Room 203 located on the second floor of the Simms Building, 808 S. Buchanan, Amarillo, Texas, with the following members present:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Wes Knapp	Yes	2	2
Anne Jones	Yes	2	0
Tom Thatcher	Yes	9	6
Chan Davidson	No	5	2
LV Perkins	Yes	9	9
Trey Porter	No	5	0
Jason Boyett	Yes	2	2

**STAFF MEMBERS:**

AJ Fawver, AICP, CNU-A, Planning Director  
 Jan Sanders, Recording Secretary

Jeffrey English, Planner I

The members were asked if, in lieu of a chairman, one of them would prefer to conduct the meeting. Hearing none, AJ Fawver opened the meeting, established a quorum and conducted the consideration of the following items, leaving questions to the Planning staff. Ms. Fawver advised the election of a Chair and Vice-Chair would be an action item on the next agenda. Jeffrey English presented the staff report and recommendation.

ITEM 1: Public Comment: Citizens who desire to address the Planning and Zoning Commission with regard to matters on the agenda or having to do with policies, programs, or services will be received at this time. The total time allotted for comments is three (3) minutes per speaker. Planning and Zoning Commission may not discuss items not on this agenda, but may respond with factual, established policy information, or refer to staff.  
*(Texas Attorney General Opinion. JC-0169)*

No comments were made.

ITEM 2: Approval of the minutes of the April 27, 2017 meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Thatcher, seconded by Mr. Knapp, to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 3: DEM-17-02 Partial Demolition of structure located at 3011 S. Ong St. in Section 186, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, Amarillo, Texas (Vicinity: S.W. 32nd Ave. and S. Ong St.)  
APPLICANT: Blake and Shannan O'Brien

Mr. English advised the applicant is requesting a partial demolition of the structure in an effort to build a larger addition on the backside of the home located at 3011 S. Ong Street. Mr. English provided the proposed floor plan of the site which appears to follow the architectural style of the existing structure. Staff reviews each project with the following criteria, the character of the neighborhood, the reasonableness of the cost of restoration or repair, the purpose of preserving the designated landmark or contributing property, a report on the condition by the Building Official, and the economic appropriateness of preserving the designated landmark or contributing property. Mr. English advised staff believes the request is appropriate and recommends approval as submitted.

Ms. Fawver asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor of or against said request. No comments were made.

A motion to approve the DEM-17-02 was made by Mr. Perkins, seconded by Mr. Knapp and passed unanimously.

ITEM 4: DEM-17-03 Partial Demolition of structure located at 3002 S. Ong St. in Section 186, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, Amarillo, Texas (Vicinity: S.W. 30<sup>th</sup> Ave. and S. Ong St.)  
APPLICANT: Trent Sisemore

Mr. English advised the applicant is requesting a partial demolition of the kitchen wall in an effort to build a larger addition on the backside of the home located at 3002 S. Ong Street. Mr. English provided the proposed floor plan of the site which appears to follow the architectural style of the existing structure. Again, staff reviews each project with the following criteria, the character of the neighborhood, the reasonableness of the cost of restoration or repair, the purpose of preserving the designated landmark or contributing property, a report on the condition by the Building Official, and the economic appropriateness of preserving the designated landmark or contributing property. Mr. English advised staff believes the request is appropriate and recommends approval as submitted.

Ms. Fawver asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor of or against said request. No comments were made.

A motion to approve the DEM-17-03 was made by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Thatcher and passed unanimously.

ITEM 5: Consider future agenda items

No comments were made.

There being no further items before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m. All remarks are recorded and are on file in the Planning Department.



AJ Fawver, AICP, CNU-A  
Planning Director

**REL-18-01 Relocation of a home situated at 218 S Harrison Street, in GLIDDEN & SANBORN, LOT BLOCK 0021, 7 THRU 10, Potter County, Amarillo, Texas (Vicinity: S Harrison and S.E Third.)**

**APPLICANT: Samuel Silverman**

**Site/Area Characteristics**

This residential structure is located in the Glidden & Sanborn Subdivision. This particular subdivision was approved and platted in 1892. Since the initial development, this immediate area has transitioned into one that is more commercial than residential in nature. As such, the residential structure being proposed for relocation accounts for three of only ten remaining residential structures on the block.

The structure was built in 1890's and is listed in the Hardy-Heck Moore Historical Survey, Phase II, with a "high" priority rating.

The current zoning is Central Business (CB)

**Proposal**

The applicant is requesting relocation in an effort to continue the utilization of the home for residential purposes.

**Analysis**

The purpose of the Historic Preservation Ordinance is to preserve, protect, and enhance historically significant sites that contribute to Amarillo's historic culture.

As such, it is staff's first task to determine whether the relocation of this structure detracts from the overall historic character of Amarillo. With the home being relocated and kept in its current condition it is maintaining the historical architecture within the city indicative of its time period.

The second criterion refers to the reasonableness to restore or repair. Obviously, this could be addressed in one of two ways: a continuation of its existing use as a residence, or an adaptive re-use for commercial purposes. However, costs involved with converting the residence into a commercially viable structure, and bringing the structures up to commercial codes may deter further investment. Relocation of the structure is another alternative to demolition of a contributing structure.

Third, the board must consider the purpose of preserving the landmark. Because of its high historical rating it of course is in the best interest to have it maintained and kept as a landmark in the city; fortunately, changing its location is not likely to detract from its historical significance and architectural value.

Given that the surrounding area has been transitioning to a commercial nature, and the condition of the structures is unlikely to be reinvested in as it conflicts with the desire to convert the land to a different type of use, there is some basis for consideration of the request.

### **Recommendation**

When considering the above-mentioned circumstances, staff must also consider the structure's practical long-term viability. The overall condition of the structures, the commercial nature of the immediate area, and the lack of evidence indicating a significant impact to the overall historic character will result, provide support for a recommendation of approval as presented.