

STATE OF TEXAS §

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CITY OF AMARILLO §

On the 28th day of March 2019, the Board of Review for Landmarks, Historic Districts, and Downtown Design met in a scheduled session at 5:30 p.m. in Room 306 located on the second floor of the Simms Building, 601 S. Buchanan, Amarillo, Texas, with the following members present:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Anne Jones	Y	1	1
Steve Pair, Chairman	Y	1	1
Jason Boyett	Y	1	1
Cindi Bulla	Y	1	1
Gary Jennings	Y	1	1
Jonathan Morris	Y	1	1
Wesley Knapp	Y	1	1
Alan Cox (alternate)	Y	1	1

Staff in Attendance:

Andrew Freeman, Director of Planning and Development Services
Cris Valverde, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Services
Courtney White, Attorney I
Hannah Green, Recording Secretary

ITEM 1: Public Comment: Citizens who desire to address the Downtown Amarillo Urban Design Review 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.

No comments were made.

ITEM 2: Approval of December 6, 2018 Board of Review for Landmarks, Historic Districts, and Downtown Design meeting minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Board Member Cox, seconded by Board Member Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 3: Presentation and Discussion on Recommended Updates to the Downtown Strategic Action Plan and Downtown Amarillo Urban Design Standards

Andrew Freeman, Director of Planning and Development Service, gave a brief presentation on the updates and changes made thus far to the Downtown Strategic Action Plan and the Downtown Amarillo Urban Design Standards. Mr. Freeman gave a recap of the overall plans as well as future goals. City staff and board then discussed various pending changes regarding each.

ITEM 4: COA-19-10 Consideration of a variance from the Pedestrian Light Standard design and color at various locations within Downtown Amarillo.

Cris Valverde, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Services, presented this item noting that it is a request for variance from lamp post color request and lamp post design. Mr. Valverde explained that the applicant was trying to install lamp posts that were similar to the standard and approved styles; however, they wanted to establish a consistent appearance regarding their many campuses.

A representative for the applicant, Amarillo National Bank, stood to further explain reasoning for the variance request noting the many similarities that wouldn't disrupt the overall look, but would delineate the bank campus. There was then a discussion regarding a concern of mixed colors and styles not preserving the overall standards. The representative and the city took questions from the board.

A motion to approve this item was made by Board Member Jennings with four contingencies of approving the color, approving the style, keeping the post height to the standard, and that Amarillo National Bank would cover the maintenance costs, seconded by Board Member Boyett. The motion passed 6-1 with Board Member Bulla voting against. (It is noted that alternate Board Member Cox also would have voted against).

At this time, Board Member Jones left the meeting.

ITEM 5: COA-19-11 Consideration of a variance from Wayfinding sign standards and consideration of a proposed overall Sign Plan.

Cris Valverde, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Services, presented this item noting that it is a request for variance from the wayfinding sign standards with various signs around the church campus. Mr. Valverde noted that the need for a sign plan warranted going before the board for review. He then took questions from the board.

The architect for First Baptist Church then stood to discuss the reasoning and need that the campus has for the proposed wayfinding signage.

A motion to approve this item as submitted was made by Board Member Bulla, seconded by Board Member Cox. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 6: Consider future agenda items.

No further comments were made; Chairman Pair adjourned the meeting at 6:32pm.

Chris Valverde

for Andrew Freeman, Director of Planner and Development Services