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CITY OF AMARILLO §

On the 2nd day of April 2020, the Board of Review for Landmarks, Historic Districts, and Downtown Design met in a regularly scheduled session at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom, with the following members present:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Anne Jones	N	5	1
Jason Boyett	Y	5	5
Cindi Bulla (Acting Chairman)	Y	5	5
Gary Jennings	Y	5	5
Jonathan Morris	N	5	3
Wesley Knapp	Y	5	3
Alan Cox	Y	5	5
Gregg Bliss (Alternate)	Y	2	2

Staff in Attendance:

Cris Valverde, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Services
Courtney White, Assistant City Attorney
Amanda Medellin, Recording Secretary
Brady Kendrick, Planner II
Jason Taylor, Planner I

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.

ITEM 2: Approval of March 12 2020 Board of Review for Landmarks, Historic Districts, and Downtown Design meeting minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Board Member Alan Cox, seconded by Board Member Wesley Knapp.

ITEM 3: Nomination and election of a Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Review for Landmarks, Historic Districts, and Downtown Design.

Cris Valverde, Assistant Director, described the role of Chairman and Vice Chairman.

A motion to nominate Board member Wesley Knapp as Chairman was made by Board Member Jason Boyett, seconded by Board Member Gregg Bliss and passed unanimously.

A motion to nominate Board member Cindi Bulla as Vice Chairman was made by Board Member Wesley Knapp, seconded by Board Member Gary Jennings and passed unanimously.

ITEM 4: COA-20-03 A request for approval of new construction of the Potter County Courthouse Project and consideration of variances from various Downtown Amarillo Urban Design Standards associated with the project (wall/fencing height and transparency, number of access points, building edge, and walkway improvement location and spacing) located on all of Block 82, Plemons Addition and all of Block 59, Plemons/Glidden & Sanborn Additions, in Sections 169 and 170, Block 2, A.B.&M. Survey, Potter County, Texas.

Brady Kendrick, Planner I, began the presentation noting the requests for the variances of the building set back requirement, wall transparency, an additional block side driveway or prisoner pick up and drop off all for security purposes, the ability to utilize existing trees, and variation of tree spacing to allow for a more integrated design of the building façade and to better align with existing offset curb line.

Board Member Cindi Bulla asked if anyone wanted to speak for, speak against, or have any questions on this item.

Project manager Linda Bernauer stated the project would be bid over the summer and start in September. Board Member Gary Jennings asked about the construction start date and about the time frame of the construction.

Project member Nicholas Wade stated the construction would be between 18-24 months.

Board Member Gary Jennings asked about plans for the old building. Project and design member Nicholas Wade stated that it will be raised and turned into surface parking.

A motion to approve all variances was made by Board Member Wesley Knapp, seconded by Board Member Jason Boyett and passed unanimously.

ITEM 5: Consider future agenda items.

No comments were made and Cindi Bulla adjourned the meeting at 5:56pm.



Cris Valverde, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Services