



**Minutes of the July 5, 2018
Historic Review Board Meeting**

The Historic Review Board of the City of Pilot Point, Texas met on July 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. for a regular meeting at the Pilot Point City Hall, 102 E. Main Street Pilot Point, Texas 76258. Historic Review Board members present were Tori Wells, Bob Heuman, Barbie Mays, Bonnie White, and Chris Aquinaldo. City staff present was Calvin Manuel, Deputy Development Services Director.

AGENDA

A. 6:00 PM – ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was announced at 6:12 p.m. Historic Review Board members absent were Anil Bhikal, and Cliff Lunsford.

B. Public Forum.

No one appeared. Public forum was opened and closed at 6:14 p.m.

C. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the election of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary for the year starting in July.

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

D. Discuss, consider and possible action on making a recommendation at the request of the City Council concerning possible historical nature of a portion of a structure located at 522 E. Burks Street.

Deputy Development Services Director, Calvin Manuel, gave a brief presentation on the timeline and the reason behind the request being considered by the Historic Review Board.

Alicia Stafford, granddaughter of Melvin Harris, spoke on behalf of the family. Mrs. Stafford stated that she has reached out to several entities that deal with the preservation of historical structures to find documented information on the 522 E. Burks Street structure. The entities mentioned were Peggy Riddle, Denton County African American Museum, and a few other sources. In addition, Mrs. Stafford has been to Cooke County Courthouse, and Cooke County Library seeking historical documents on the building.

Mrs. Stafford presented an article that mentioned various communities in the immediate area surrounding Pilot Point which included Oakdale. However, the writer is no longer employed with the Post Signal, and the archives only back date to 1970.

Bob Heuman stated that the Oakdale community was just a small gathering of homes.

Mrs. Stafford stated that the structure was moved to its present location in 1947 from Cooke County by Frank Evans. The structure was located across the railroad tracks of Saint James Road. The land that the structure was located on is now covered by Lake Ray Roberts.



Mrs. Stafford stated the back addition of the structure does need to demolished.

Barbie Mays asked about the financial aspect of preserving the building.

Tori made a recommendation of potential options that the board could recommend to City Council. Tori stated, "Time is of the essence. The family has had four years to take action. Action is needed now to prevent the structure from being abated."

Barbie Mays asked, "What do you feel is the best use and value of the property as family members who hold sentimental value?"

Ms. Cecelia Harris stated the use of the property would be for family members if they fell on hard times and needed a place to stay. Mrs. Harris also stated that the family is apprehensive about sinking money into the property, if the City is just going to abate the structure.

Mrs. Stafford stated that she would be willing to place a sign in the front of the property that would provide the historical information on the structure.

Tori Wells expressed her concern of the misuse of the elapsed time since the beginning of this issue, but she feels that a recommendation for more time is the only method that the board can use to help the Harris family.

Tori Wells made a motion to recommend that the family is given a 120-day period to rehabilitate the structure based on the extenuating circumstance of potential historic nature of the structure, and to further research the historical claim of the building. The motion was seconded by Bonnie White and passed unanimously.

E. Adjourn.

Tori Wells made a motion to adjourn at 7:13 p.m., the motion was seconded by Bonnie White. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.


Tori Fowler, Chairperson


Calvin Manuel, Secretary