

EASTLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD
August 17, 2022
Minutes

On the 17th day of August, 2022, the Eastland Historic Preservation Board (the “Board”) for the City of Eastland, Texas, convened in Open Session at Eastland City Hall, as scheduled, and notice was posted 72 hours in advance and prior to the meeting.

Members Present:	Kelly Skinner	Place 2
	Jeanie Griffin	Place 3
	Rhyne Hobbs	Place 4
	Julie Elrod	Place 5
Members Absent:	Terry Slavens	Place 1
Staff Present:	Terry Simmons	Ex-Officio.
	Roma Holley	City Secretary
	J. J. Oznick	City Manager
Guests:		

I. Meeting Called to Order

Rhyne Hobbs called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Jeanie Griffin offered the invocation and Rhyne Hobbs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. Approve Minutes of the July 20, 2022 Meeting

Julie Elrod made a motion, seconded by Kelly Skinner, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 20, 2022 as presented. Motion carried by a vote of four (4) in favor and none (0) opposed.

V. The Historic Preservation Board May Discuss and Take Action on the Following Agenda Items:

1. 2023 Grant Applications

Terry Simmons presented a worksheet that provided the 4 applicants and the amounts of their grant requests. In the July meeting, the board discussed the merits of each request. Now, the

board discussed the possibility of agreeing to the amounts requested and decided to go ahead and approve the requests. This will now be put on the agenda at the September 19, 2022 Commission Meeting.

1. Eastland Fine Arts Association: The Majestic Theatre is applying for assistance with the cost of new Fire Exit doors. At last month's meeting their bids were for a total cost of project is \$12,546. However, the company that submitted that bid decided they did not want to accept the project so EFAA received another bid. This bid is \$22,763 and the EFAA requested grant assistance of \$11,336.

Julie Elrod made a motion, seconded by Kelly Skinner, to approve the request for Grant Assistance of \$11,336. Motion carried by a vote of three (3) in favor and none (0) opposed. Rhyn Hobbs abstained and Terry Slavens was absent.

2. First Baptist Church / Prairie Oil and Gas Company Building: they are applying for assistance in refurbishing original "Front Doors", Replace Back Door and repaint outside of window frames. Total cost of project is \$22,750 and FBC is requesting grant assistance of \$11,375.

Julie Elrod made a motion, seconded by Jeanie Griffin, to approve the request for Grant Assistance of \$11,375. Motion carried by a vote of four (4) in favor and none (0) opposed. Terry Slavens was absent.

3. Eastland Historic Hotel: they are applying for assistance with the cost of an awning to be placed over the length of the east entrance of the Hotel. Total cost of the project is \$13,686.36 and EHH is requesting grant assistance of \$12,686.36.

After several minutes of discussion, this request died for lack of a motion.

4. Bear Creek Taphouse/Andrew Skinner: they applied for assistance in replacing the back door of the business. Total cost of project is \$3,680 and BCT is requesting grant assistance of \$3,680.

Regarding the Bear Creek Taphouse project, due to the nature of the request, that it being a structural issue, the City Commission approved funds from the 2021-2022 Historic Grant be awarded to Andrew Skinner and the Bear Creek Taphouse. This project should be completed by the September 15, 2022 deadline.

No further action.

2. 2022 Historic Preservation Grants Report

All projects have been completed and reimbursement made to all applicants except:

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Lumberyard Gutter and Concrete Pad with a total of **\$348.50** in grant money, is not complete and the funds that were available have been entered back into the remaining 2021-2022 Grant.

Funds remaining in the 2021-2022 budget now equal \$7,700.

Rhyne Hobbs with the Eastland Fine Arts Association requested an emergency application be considered. The Eastland Fine Arts/Majestic Theatre requested assistance with an urgent structural repair on the south wall along the alley. When some of the shrubbery was removed it was discovered that a portion of the masonry wall had bowed out. Upon further examination it was determined that the brick structure of the wall in a section has failed and was being held by the stucco façade.

Due to the damage to the structural integrity to the building, the EFAA requested assistance. Julie Elrod made a motion, seconded by Kelly Skinner, to recommend to the City Commission that the remainder of \$7,700 in the 2021-2022 budget, be awarded to the EFAA to repair and repaint the wall, remove the remaining shrubbery and install concrete from the sidewalk to the building to direct water away from the wall.

Julie Elrod made a motion, seconded by Kelly Skinner, to approve the request for Grant Assistance of \$7,700. Motion carried by a vote of three (3) in favor and none (0) opposed. Rhyne Hobbs abstained and Terry Slavens was absent.

VI. Staff Update

Terry Simmons reminded the board that Historic Board Place 1 Term Ends September 30. Terry Slavens currently is in this position. When his term expires, he will be ineligible to serve on this board for 3 years. We need someone to fill this position as soon as possible.

There was no action needed on this item.

VII. Adjournment

Julie Elrod made a motion, seconded by Kelly Skinner, to adjourn at 1:26 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Attest:

Roma Holley, City Secretary

Rhyne Hobbs
Eastland Historic Board