

EASTLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD
September 16, 2020
Minutes

On the 16th day of September, 2020, 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
	Terry Slavens	Place 1
	Julie Elrod	Place 5
Members Absent:	Debbie Wharton	Place 3
	Rhyne Hobbs	Place 4
Staff Present:	Terry Simmons	Code Enforcement Officer
	Roma Holley	City Secretary
	Ron Duncan	City Manager
	Tony Stubblefield	Director of Planning and Zoning

Guests: Amanda Bird

I. Meeting Called to Order

Terry Slavens called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Terry Slavens offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. Approve Minutes of the May 20th, 2020 Meeting

Kelly Skinner made a motion, seconded by Julie Elrod, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 20th, 2020 as presented. Motion carried by a vote of three (3) in favor and none (0) opposed.

V. 2021 Grant Workshop

The *Eastland Historic Hotel* applied for a grant to help with a safety and structural issue. The mortar parapet is deteriorating and beginning to fall onto the sidewalk and this is a very serious hazard. Two bids were received to complete the work but one was not a complete repair.

It is the recommendation of the staff to award 100% of the request, which is \$9,270.

Skinner Medical Billing and Consulting, LLC is asking for a grant of 50% of the replacement cost to replace the roof and side shingles. The roof is leaking and the insurance will pay a portion however the insurance deemed the shingles on the side to be cosmetic and will not pay to replace them. The Skinner's want to replace the shingles with Standing Seam Metal.

It is the recommendation of the staff to award the grant request, which is \$24,302.13

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

1. Discuss and Consider 2021 Historic Preservation Grant Applications

Julie Elrod made a motion, seconded by Kelly Skinner, to award The Eastland Historic Hotel 100% of the grant request, which is \$9,270. Motion carried by a vote of three (3) in favor and none (0) opposed.

Terry Slavens made a motion, seconded by Julie Elrod, to award Skinner Medical Billing and Consulting the 50% grant request, which is \$24,302.13. Motion carried by a vote of two (2) in favor and none (0) opposed, with Kelly Skinner abstaining.

2. Discuss and Consider Reappointment of Julie Elrod to Place 5 for first full term

Kelly Skinner made a motion, seconded by Terry Slavens to reappoint Julie Elrod to Place 5 for her first full term. Motion carried by a vote of two (2) in favor and none (0) opposed and with Julie Elrod abstaining.

3. Reappointment of Kelly Skinner to Place 2 for second full term

Terry Slavens made a motion, seconded by Julie Elrod to reappoint Kelly Skinner to Place 2 for her second full term. Motion carried by a vote of two (2) in favor and none (0) opposed and with Kelly Skinner abstaining.

4. Appointment to fill Place 3 term expiring September 30

Terry Simmons stated that there is only one active application and that is Jeanie Griffin.

Julie Elrod made a motion, seconded by Kelly Skinner, to appoint Jeanie Griffin to fill Place 3 term expiring September 30, 2020. Motion carried by a vote of three (3) in favor and none (0) opposed.

VI. Staff Update

1. Memorial Bench Program

Terry Simmons mentioned that several years ago this Board talked about putting together a Memorial Bench program. This program would encourage people to purchase benches with plaques commemorating people or events. These benches would be placed in the Historic District, mainly around the courthouse square. Mr. Duncan received a phone call from the family of Carl Johnson who owned “Carl Johnson Dry Goods” in what is now The Carousel building. The family would like to put a bench in front of the building in memory. The bench is created through the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and costs \$600 while the plaque costs about \$20. It takes about 6 weeks to receive them.

There was no action needed on this item.

VII. Adjournment

Terry Slavens made a motion, seconded by Kelly Skinner, to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Terry Slavens
Eastland Historic Board

Attest

Roma Holley, City Secretary