

Historic Preservation Ordinance Meeting December 15, 2020

Review/Discuss Homework

- There will be terms added to the Definitions section that was discussed at a previous meeting. There will be further discussion and additions when reviewing that section of the Ordinance at a future date.
- Notebooks will be created for members with all meeting notes, sample ordinances, etc. and will be available prior to the next meeting.

Discuss boundary for the Downtown Historic District Overlay

A map was provided to the committee, and was discussed.

Downtown Brenham National Register District (blue)

- Contributing vs. non-contributing buildings

Register District (red)

- Historical Main Street Program assistance/service area.

Proposed Plan Area (yellow)

- Old-line from 2011.
- Possibly add Park Street (East of Market, North of Main) to help with some old homes there
- At Ross & Alamo is the old schoolhouse (the first public high school in Texas) becoming The Old Schoolhouse Boutique Hotel. Jennifer Eckermann pointed out the location of this historic building.

A proposed map will go to the Committee for approval at the January meeting.

Discussion on how to handle newer buildings

- Add section about new construction?
- Easy to follow guidelines.
- Need to have new match old.
- Fredericksburg is doing this (John Hermann).
- Add a definition for new construction.
- Kolby – thinks new & old can work.
- Two sets of criteria to look at (Stephanie Doland).
 - Façade appearance.
 - Where is the building on available property?
- Focus on the district over individual buildings.

- Historical Commission's Goal:
 - Doesn't want the new building to be fake, but complimentary.
- Shauna
 - May need to list of standard features that new construction would need to follow.
- Metal Buildings
 - Mary Thornhill wants a clearer definition.
- Add to Notebooks - Design Guidelines (Main Street) would be useful to help guide these decisions.

Continued discussions:

- Southside is designated as B4 Neighborhood Business District.
- Green overlay = Master Plan District
- Could do zones?
 - Red is strict
 - Yellow is less, etc.
 - Downtown corridor?
- Where else has a zoned preservation district?
- Look at landmarks in the area.
- Landmark designations definitions.
- Homework for January will be sent prior to the next meeting.