

# **SMITHVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND DESIGN STANDARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HPDSAC) MEETING.**

**Minutes: Wednesday July 19<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**PRESENT:** Bonny Joplin, Walter Winslett, Monica Poss, Nancy Catherman, LeRoy Beherens, Caroline Noya , Victoria Allen, Susie Cannon, Jill Strube.

**ABSENT:** None

**Other non-committee members:** None.

1. Meeting called to order at 5:01 pm
2. **Introductions:** All committee members introduced themselves.
3. **Announcements/Presentations/Proclamations/Awards:**  
Jason Rivas representing EPICs by TXDOT provided a handout outlining the proposed sidewalk renovation at the intersection of Main Street and Loop 230, which will affect four historic properties in the commercial business district. HPDS is requested to monitor the sites and apprise TXDOT of any items that could warrant intervention with the contractor. Mr. Rivas explained the EPICs procedure that will allow all measures of protection in place.

The City Historical marker was presented to The Smithville Heritage Society and was received by LeRoy Behrens and Dennis Koch.

4. **Discussion and Actions:** The committee moved to accept May 19th 2023 minutes. Monica Poss was elected to serve

as Chair for the committee. The vote was unanimous and Monica agreed to accept the position.

**5. COA for Texas Flag Mural:** discussion regarding adding the wording “Smithville Texas” to the current mural was approved by the committee with Victoria Allen abstaining.

**6. Recommendations for Vacant Position:** Nominations were presented for review by the Mayor and City Council. The following names were proposed: Fred Beck, Lori Beck and Michelle Nelson.

**7. Historic Preservation Awareness in the Historic District:** It was agreed to accept the double-sided door hangers that were previously discussed. A sub committee with Monica Poss, Susie Cannon and LeRoy Behrens will meet to have the first 3 presentations ready for the next scheduled meeting.

**8. Historic Marker Application Program Update:** The changes previously made to the Historical Marker Application was approved. Members are encouraged to reach out to historical sites that may be interested in placing a marker.

**9. Future Agenda and Meeting Dates:** Monica Poss stated that an email with the drafts for the door hanger will be circulated and the drafts are to be reviewed by the committee with a possible meeting prior to the regular scheduled meeting in October 2023.

**10. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 5:43pm

Submitted by Victoria Allen