

STATE OF TEXAS §
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CITY OF AMARILLO §

On the 25th day of March 2026, the Board of Review for Landmarks, Historic Districts, and Downtown Design met in a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Room 1500 of the Amarillo City Hall Building, 623 S. Johnson St, Amarillo, Texas, with the following members present:

Voting Members	Present	Meetings Held	Meetings Attended
Gregg Bliss, Chairman	Y	19	15
Wesley Knapp, Vice Chairman	Y	22	18
Cindi Bulla	Y	22	17
Devin Savage	N	12	8
Mike Ritter	N	12	7
Gary Jennings	Y	22	18
Tommy Knox	Y	1	1
Stephanie Daggett (Alternate)	N	12	2

Staff present:

Cody Balzen, Director of Planning
 Brady Kendrick, Senior Planner
 Justin Oppel, Development Liaison
 Byron Dill, Planner I
 Leslie Schmidt, Senior Assistant City Attorney
 Jenine Cruz, Recording Secretary

ITEM 1: Call to Order and Establish a Quorum is Present.

Chairman Gregg Bliss opened the meeting at 5:30 PM and established a quorum of five voting members.

ITEM 2: Public Address

Chairman Bliss inquired if anyone from the public wanted to speak for Public Comment.
 No public comments were made.

ITEM 3: Regular Meeting Items.

3.A. Consider approval of the minutes from the November 20, 2025 meeting of the Board of Review for Landmarks, Historic Districts, and Downtown Design.

A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Vice-Chairman Wesley Knapp and seconded by Board Member Cindi Bulla.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

3.B. Consideration of Certificate of Appropriateness COA-2025-192-COA: Hotel Project at 518 SE 10th Ave, Amarillo, TX 79101

This item considers the new construction of a five-story hotel and the associated variances requested from the Downtown Amarillo Urban Design Standards related to the following: fencing standards, tree species, and building setbacks and placement. The legal description for the site is all of Block 143, Plemon's Addition, and addition to the City of Amarillo, in Section 170, Block 2, A.B.&M. Survey, Potter County, Texas. (Vicinity: SE 10th Ave. & Buchanan St.; APPLICANT/S: Geospatial Data, Inc. for RILLO INVESTMENTS LLC)

Brady Kendrick, Senior Planner, presented the project and requested variances to the Board and stated that all documents and supporting items have been reviewed and are ready for consideration. Mr. Kendrick answered questions from the board members about the project.

The following individuals representing the developer and the design team spoke in support of the project and addressed questions from the board;

Dustin Davis; design engineer for the project.

Paresh and Pritesh Bhakta; property owners and project developers.

Wes Wright and Mindi McLain; legal council for the property owners.

A motion to approve the item as presented with the noted variances was made by Vice Chairman Knapp and was seconded by Board Member Gary Jennings.

The motion passed 3-2, Chairman Bliss and Board Member Bulla voted in opposition of the item.

ITEM 4: Discuss Items for Future Agendas

Mr. Kendrick informed the board that there will need to be an additional meeting in the near future as there are a number of projects that are almost ready for consideration.

Board Member Bulla asked for an update on the previous discussion regarding potentially making changes to the standards as a whole and characteristics within the district to follow up on a previous work session from the past year.

ITEM 5: Adjourn

Chairman Bliss adjourned the meeting at 6:26 PM.



Cody Balzen
Director of Planning