

# CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM

MEDINA COURTHOUSE

PROJECT NO. 19068

**Present:**

**Owner:**

Medina Historic Presentation Board  
Medina Zoning Board (no quorum)  
Medina Planning Commission

**Design Team**

Nancy Nozik, BCI



**June 23, 2019**

1. Historic Preservation Board Comments:

- a. Leslie – HRB chair- confirm heights compared to existing building.
- b. Medina Square is on the register = the skyline of the 1969 Courthouse is part of the fabric of the square. Consider using space in the 1969 building to lower the square-footage needed in the new building thereby reducing the overall height of the new building.
- c. 1969 Courthouse should be silhouetted against the skyline.
- d. The buildings need to complement each other. Currently not a cohesive look.
- e. Keep 4-columns and pediment as entry to the building or demo 1969 and create a picnic area in courtyard.
- f. Reduce the impact of the “glob” behind (the massing of the new courthouse)
- g. To clarify: all of the old courthouse remains.
- h. Consider the light inside the new building – make sure there are enough windows.
- i. There are 183 solar panels on the flat roof on their party center. This new building is perfect for solar panels.

2. Planning Commission Comments:

- a. Will that gap between the 1969 and new building remain?

3. Public Comments:

- a. Ralph: This project continues to change. On June 2 the 1969 was being demolished, today it will stay. Concerned about the construction on the square. Please sign petition to put this project on the ballot.
- b. Roger Smalley: Relatively pleased. Good news. Glad commissioners are keeping the Old Courthouse with the possibility of keeping the 1969 Courthouse. Like the idea of making the new building shorter.
- c. If we consider the new building an addition, will look at it differently. Good looking building that is more utilitarian. Cost savings.
- d. Medina has kept their public buildings in use. Courtroom Pizza may be the oldest building in use in the state – 1820.
- e. Bill Lamb: Thanked Roger for his comments. The building that we have has a story. To tear down the 1969 and rebuild the front of it, you will lose the story. It is a fun story because the style is out of place. Keeping the 1969 courthouse is a red line for Bill Lamb. The city must follow the recommendations of the boards and commissions. Only concern is the elevation of the west façade – height behind the 1969 building. Expand footprint to lower the elevation. Work of architects has all been positive. Want a vote by the County that the 1969 building will be kept.