

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Thursday, March 24, 2016

Meeting to be held at the City Hall Annex, City Council Chambers, Public Level

900 Bagby Street, Houston, Texas

3:00 PM

**A CD/DVD of the full proceedings is on file
In the Planning and Development Department**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m. by Chair, Mr. Maverick Welsh, with a quorum present. The following Commission members noted with "P" were present during all or portions of the meeting and the members noted with "A" were absent.

Maverick Welsh	P
Jorge Garcia-Herreros	A
Edie Archer	P
Anna Mod	P
John Cosgrove	P
Ann Collum	P
Minnette Bickel Boesel	P
Rob D. Hellyer	P
Charles Stava	P
Brie Kelman	P
David Bucek	P
Emily Ardoin	P

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chair's report was given by Chair, Maverick Welsh. Mr. Welsh welcomed the new commissioners. Mr. Welsh went over the operating procedures and Speakers Rules for the audience. Also, mentioned applications are due 22 days in advance of the monthly HAHC meeting. The HAHC will not accept new material including handouts or revised plans at today's meeting. Submitting new documents at the meeting may cause your application to be deferred another month. He asked everyone to speak into the microphone so they could be heard. He encouraged each Commissioner to participate in each vote and to make motions to help move the meeting along.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's report was given by Deputy Director, Margaret Wallace Brown. Mrs. Wallace Brown welcomed a new planner to the Historic Preservation office and provided an update about the newly established Historic Appeals Board. She also reported the Historic Preservation office made history by processing more than 50 Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) requests in one month. Mrs. Wallace Brown gave a reminder about the new COA application fees which went into effect March 1, 2016. She also reported on the restoration efforts for the Mecom Fountain and that donations are welcomed to further support this initiative. Lastly, an update was provided on the 101 COA applications which were received by the Historic Preservation office as of this year.

MAYOR'S CULTURAL LIAISON REPORT

NONE

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2016 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Ardoin to approve the February 25, 2016 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission meeting minutes. Motion carried with Archer and Welsh abstaining.

Motion was made by Commissioner Boesel and Seconded by Commissioner Kelman to take Item E out of order and present at this time.

E. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR THE MECOM FOUNTAIN AT MAIN STREET AND MONTROSE BOULEVARD.

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing. There were no speakers.

Motion made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Boesel that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Landmark Designation for the Mecom Fountain at Main Street and Montrose Boulevard. Motion carried unanimously.

A. PROPOSED CHANGES TO HAHC SPEAKER RULES

Presentation was given by Diana DuCroz, Historic Preservation Division Manager, Planning and Development Department on the following proposed changes to the HAHC speaker rules: Applicants are given 3 minutes for an opening presentation and also permitted 2 minutes for a rebuttal after other speakers are heard. Only one person at a time shall be permitted to stand at the speaker's podium, unless the speaker requires an interpreter or other special assistance. After speaking time is up, the speaker must leave the podium unless the Commission has questions for the speaker.

Motion made by Commissioner Kelman, seconded by Commissioner Collum to accept the proposed changes to the HAHC speaker rules. Motion carried unanimously.

B. 2015 END-OF-YEAR REPORT

Presentation was given by Diana DuCroz, Historic Preservation Division Manager, Planning and Development Department.

C. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS:

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Mod to consider agenda items C-2, C-10, C-18, C-20, C-21 and C-22 together at this time.

- 2. 811 Hemphill St – Alteration-Porch – Old Sixth Ward Historic District**
- 10. 1748 North Blvd – New Construction-Residence – Boulevard Oaks Historic District**
- 18. 2500 Summer St – Alteration-Addition – LM / Cook Paint & Varnish Company Bldg**
- 20. 4010 Pineridge St – Alteration-Addition – Norhill Historic District**
- 21. 907 Franklin St – Alteration-Storefront/Sign – Main Street Market Square Historic District**
- 22. 412 Hawthorne St – Alteration-Addition – Westmoreland Historic District**

Commissioner Hellyer recused himself.

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Archer to grant Certificates of Appropriateness for items C-2, C- 10, C-18, C-20, C- 21 and C-22. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hellyer returned.

1. 5800 Main St – Restoration-Fountain – PLM / Mecom Fountain

Motion was made by Commissioner Kelman, seconded by Commissioner Boesel to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-1. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Cosgrove, seconded by Mod to extend the speaker time for Bill Baldwin.

Speakers: Bill Baldwin and Phoebe Tudor – supportive

3. 420 E 20th St – Alteration-Sign – Houston Heights East Historic District

Motion was made by Commissioner Hellyer, seconded by Commissioner Archer to partially grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-3 with the condition the advertising sign does not extend wider than the former company's (Washateria) sign. Motion carried with Stava abstaining.

Speaker: Troy Schaum, applicant – supportive

4. 1422 Heights Blvd – Demolition-Residence – Houston Heights East Historic District

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Collum to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-4. Motion carried with Archer, Kelman and Hellyer opposing.

Speakers: Tim Cisneros and Hunter Hausinger, applicant – supportive

5. 416 Euclid St – Alteration-Addition – Woodland Heights Historic District

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Stava to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-5. Motion carried with Kelman, Archer and Hellyer opposing. Motion was made by Boesel, seconded by Archer to extend the speaker time for Susan Goll.

Speakers: Susan Goll, applicant and Laura Michaelides – supportive

6. 202 E 10th St – Alteration-Siding/Windows/Doors – Houston Heights South Historic District

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Ardoin to partially grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-6. Motion carried with Hellyer opposing.

Speakers: Mike Shelton, applicant – supportive; Pete Stockton, Senior Inspector, Public Works and Engineering Department

7. 835 Columbia St – New Construction-Residence *Deferral* – Houston Heights South Historic District

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Mod to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-7. Motion carried with Cosgrove, Hellyer and Kelman opposing.

Speakers: Rachel Paez, applicant and Alex Ridgway – supportive

8. 536 Harvard St – Alteration-Porch/Windows/Doors *Revision* – Houston Heights South Historic District

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Mod to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-8. Motion carried with Hellyer abstaining.

Speakers: Jerry Sparks, owner and Will Rallis, applicant – supportive

Commissioner Hellyer recused himself.

9. 901 Harvard St – Alteration-Siding/Windows/Roof – Houston Heights South Historic District

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Mod to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-9. Motion carried with Boesel and Stava opposing.

Commissioner Hellyer returned.

Items 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 were taken together at this time.

11. 1911 A Crockett St – New Construction-Residence *Deferral* – High First Ward Historic District

12. 1911 B Crockett St – New Construction-Residence *Deferral* – High First Ward Historic District

13. 1913 A Crockett St – New Construction-Residence *Deferral* – High First Ward Historic District

14. 1913 B Crockett St – New Construction-Residence *Deferral* – High First Ward Historic District

15. 1917 Crockett St – New Construction-Residence *Deferral* – High First Ward Historic District

Motion was made by Commissioner Boesel, seconded by Commissioner Mod to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for items C-11, C-12 and C-14 and defer for one month items C-13 and C-15. Motion carried with Bucek opposing.

Motion was made by Mod, seconded by Archer to extend speaker time for Bryan Kirkpatrick.

Speaker: Bryan Kirkpatrick – supportive

16. 7706 Rockhill St – Alteration-Windows/Doors – Glenbrook Valley Historic District

Motion was made by Commissioner Archer, seconded by Commissioner Mod to partially grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-16. Motion carried with Collum, Boesel and Stava opposing.

17. 8503 Glencrest St – Alteration-Front Wall/Porch – Glenbrook Valley Historic District

Motion was made by Commissioner Boesel, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-17. Motion carried with Ardoin and Hellyer opposing.

19. 1122 Peddie St – Alteration-Windows – Norhill Historic District

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Ardoin to partially grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-19. Motion carried unanimously.

D. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATIONS FOR:

1. Phyllis Palmer and Walter Price House at 1611 Bass Street – Withdrawn

2. Frank H. Roberts House at 3308 Parkwood Drive

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing. There were no speakers.

Motion made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Kelman that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Landmark Designation for the Frank H. Roberts House at 3308 Parkwood Drive. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Was taken earlier in the meeting.

F. INITIATE DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR WOODLAND HEIGHTS, NORHILL, FREELAND, AND OLD SIXTH WARD

Presentation was given by Diana DuCroz, Historic Preservation Division Manager, Planning and Development Department

Motion made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission ask the Director to prepare or update Design Guidelines for the following four districts: Norhill, Woodland Heights, Freeland, and Old Sixth Ward with an expected completion date of February 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

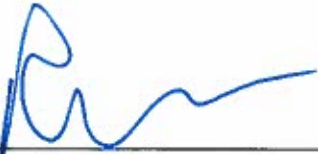
G. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE HAHC:

Commissioner Boesel suggested change to the HAHC meeting start time from 3:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. or 2:30 p.m.

Commissioner Mod requested more organization and consistency with packet materials as it is difficult to navigate through files during the review process.

Chair, Mr. Welsh and Commissioner Kelman also requested more organization and consistency with the packet materials as they are difficult to navigate on the tablet and online.

- H. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business brought before the commission, Chair, Mr. Maverick Welsh, adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m. Motion was made by Commissioner Collum and seconded by Commissioner Kelman. Motion carried unanimously.



Maverick Welsh
Chair



Margaret Wallace Brown
Executive Secretary