

Minutes of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission

July 29, 2021

Telephonic/Videoconference Meeting held via Microsoft Teams https://bit.ly/HAHC_july292021

2:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with a roll call vote and a quorum present.

Minnette Bickel Boesel, Chair

David Bucek, Vice Chair

Steven Curry

Ann Collum

John Cosgrove

Ashley Elizabeth Jones

Ben Koush

Stephen McNiel

Absent

Rhonda Sepulveda

Arrived at 3:39 p.m. during item E-9

Urmila Srinivasan

Arrived at 2:22 p.m. during item A

Charles Stava

Beth Wiedower Jackson

Dominic Yap

EXOFFICIO MEMBERS

Samantha Bruer, Architectural Archivist, Houston Metropolitan Research Center

Marta Crinejo, Mayor's Liaison

Executive Secretary

Margaret Wallace Brown, Director, Planning and Development

CHAIR'S REPORT

Minnette Boesel spoke about the designation of Juneteenth as a National Holiday. Also, congratulated the Freedman's Town Conservancy and Allwood Cemetery who were both awarded grants by the National Trust for Historic Preservation African American Heritage Action fund.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Margaret Wallace Brown commented about the anticipated September 16 in-person meeting, and Mike Kramer's retirement. She reported the HAHC decision on the Glenbrook Valley appeal at 8435 Glencrest Street was overturned by the Appeals Board in June, with the conditions that the current doors and windows remain, and that the applicant works with staff to reinstall a column. She also reported approving a total of 65 administrative Certificates of Appropriateness (COA's). She commented that there were 9 new pre-application design review requests to staff for a total of 33 this year.

MAYOR'S LIAISON REPORT

NONE

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 17, 2021 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION (HAHC) MEETING MINUTES

Approval of the minutes were deferred.

A. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROPOSED BRUNNER-HARMONIUM HISTORIC DISTRICT.

The Chair open and closed the public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Curry, seconded by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, to approve the Brunner-Harmonium Historic District with the amended map boundary, and forward it to City Council.

Motion carried with a roll call vote with the following Commissioners audible and in attendance: Commissioners Bucek, Curry, Collum, Cosgrove, Jones, Srinivasan and Wiedower Jackson voting in favor; Commissioners Koush, Stava and Yap voting against.

Chair verified that the following Commissioners were not audible or in attendance at this time: McNiel and Sepulveda.

Speakers: Huw Pierce, Marlene Beita and Mike Van Dusen – supportive.

B. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR THE MARSHALL-CALLOWAY BUILDING AT 5303 LYONS AVENUE, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77020.

The Chair open and closed the public hearing.

Speakers: None

Motion by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Yap, to approve the protected landmark designation for the Marshall-Calloway Building at 5303 Lyons Avenue, Houston, Texas 77020 and forwarded to City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

C. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR THE MILLER HOUSE AT 501 ROUSE, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77020.

The Chair open and closed the public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Yap, seconded by Commissioner Stava, to approve the protected landmark designation for the Miller House at 501 Rouse, Houston, Texas 77020 and forwarded to City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Saneea Sakhyani – supportive.

D. CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REFERRAL TO TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION FOR LISTING ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES FOR ELDORADO BALLROOM AT 2310 ELGIN STREET, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77004

On behalf of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission, a letter will be sent to the Texas Historical Commission to approve the listing on the National Register of Historic Places for Eldorado Ballroom at 2310 Elgin Street, Houston, Texas 77004.

E. CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, to consider items **E-3, E-4, E-5, E-6, E-7, E-8, E-10, E-11, E-12, E-13, E-14, E-15, E-18, E-19, E-21, E-22, E-23 and E-25** together. Motion carried unanimously.

- E-3. 1324 North Blvd – Alteration - Addition, Foundation, Siding or Trim, Doors, Windows, Roof – Broadacres – Approval**
- E-4. 845 Arlington St – Alteration - Addition – Houston Heights South – Approval**
- E-5. 1329 Harvard St – New Construction - Garage or Carport – Houston Heights East – Approval**
- E-6. 109 E. 12th St – New Construction - Garage or Carport – Houston Heights East – Approval**
- E-7. 109 E. 12th St – Alteration - Addition – Houston Heights East – Approval**
- E-8. 820 Cortlandt St – Alteration - Addition, Foundation, Siding or Trim, Doors, Windows, Roof, Porch or Balcony – Houston Heights West – Approval**
- E-10. 1813 Kane St – Alteration - Windows, Porch or Balcony – Old Sixth Ward – Approval**
- E-11. 711 Key St – Alteration - Other – Norhill – Approval**
- E-12. 724 W Melwood St – Alteration - Foundation, Siding or Trim – Norhill – Approval**
- E-13. 724 W Melwood St – Alteration - Addition – Norhill – Approval**
- E-14. 1135 Key St – Alteration - Addition, Foundation, Siding or Trim, Doors, Windows, Roof, Porch or Balcony – Norhill – Approval**
- E-15. 1516 Harvard St – Alteration - Addition, Foundation, Siding or Trim, Doors, Windows, Roof, Porch or Balcony – Houston Heights East – Approval with Conditions**
- E-18. 526 Byrne St – Alteration - Addition – Woodland Heights – Approval**
- E-19. 526 Byrne St – New Construction - Garage or Carport – Woodland Heights – Approval**
- E-21. 2304 Decatur St – Alteration - Foundation, Siding or Trim, Doors, Windows, Roof, Porch or Balcony – Old Sixth Ward – Approval**
- E-22. 1919 Lubbock St – Alteration - Siding or Trim – Old Sixth Ward – Approval**
- E-23. 1512 South Blvd – Alteration - Addition – Boulevard Oaks – Approval**
- E-25. 1447 Cortlandt St – Alteration - Windows, Porch or Balcony – Houston Heights East – Approval with Conditions**

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, to accept staff recommendations for items **E-3, E-4, E-5, E-6, E-7, E-8, E-10, E-11, E-12, E-13, E-14, E-15, E-18, E-19, E 21, E-22, E-23 and E-25**. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E-24 was taken out of order and voted on at this time.

E-24. 2310 Elgin St – Alteration - Addition - Doors, Windows, Sign, Storefront, Awning – Eldorado Ballroom Protected Landmark

Motion by Commissioner Yap, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item E-24 with the condition that City Council approves the Protected Landmarks status and amend code to allow for restoration/recreation of historic signage on roof and front face of entry awning. Applicant to permit Right of Way encroachment for awning entrance. Texas Historical Commission to approve final window selection of either option A or B for Federal Tax Credit project. Motion carried with Commissioner Bucek abstaining.

E-1. 806 Branard St – Alteration - Siding or Trim, Windows – First Montrose Commons

Motion by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Stava, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item E-1 and issue a Certificate of Remediation, to replace siding removed with dash stucco to match original texture and restore original wood windows. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Stephen Longmire – supportive.

E-2. 610 Marshall St – Alteration - Other – Audubon Place

Motion by Commissioner Yap, seconded by Commissioner Stava, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item E-2 and issue a Certificate of Remediation, to restore East Elevation light pattern to match original window pattern. Motion carried unanimously.

E-9. 7746 Wilmerdean St – Alteration - Siding or Trim – Glenbrook Valley

Motion by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item E-9 and issue a Certificate of Remediation, to install ribbon windows typical of garage doors in the Glenbrook Valley historic district and the applicant to work with staff for the final design. Motion carried with Commissioner Sepulveda not audible.

Speaker: JerMaine Anugwom, agent – supportive.

E-16. 3810 Watson St – Alteration - Foundation, Siding or Trim, Doors, Porch or Balcony, Roof – Norhill

Motion by Commissioner Yap, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item E-16 with the condition that the applicant keeps all original siding on the second floor and that staff review final plans before construction permit is issued. Motion carried with Commissioner Sepulveda not audible.

E-17. 7806 Santa Elena St – Alteration - Door – Glenbrook Valley

Motion by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item E-17 and issue a Certificate of Remediation, to replace door for a more appropriate style and to reinstall two side lites with the addition of staff's review of the final design to include the portions of the entryway on either side and above the front door and the two side lites. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Pumpkin Marks, applicant/owner – supportive.

E-20. 215 Bayland St – Alteration - Equipment, Solar Panels – Woodland Heights

Motion by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Yap, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item E-20 with the condition staff issue a Certificate of Remediation to remove the solar panels located on the front south location and the front east location. Motion carried with Commissioner Srinivasan opposing.

Speaker: Clayton Mealer, owner – supportive.

F. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Stephen Longmire proposed the creation of two brochures for Certificate of Remediation and Certificate of Appropriateness that he believes would greatly educate the public on the process.

G. COMMENTS FROM THE HAHC

Commissioner Collum asked about the windows that was approved by staff for 8115 Glendale Court that were replaced with items that are not conducive to the neighborhood.

H. HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER’S REPORT

Roman McAllen thanked Commission and staff for their hard work. Also, commented on Pleasantville neighborhood which has been in the news and discussed upcoming meetings with the public regarding potential Independence Heights Conservation District.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Commission, Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

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