



# PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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## Phoebe Tudor receives Mayor's Citizen Award for Historic Preservation

**HOUSTON, June 24, 2013** – Phoebe Tudor, the immediate past chair of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission and preservation advocate received the 2013 Mayor's Citizen Award for Historic Preservation. During her tenure as chair of the Commission, she was a driving force in the renovation of the Houston Public Library's Julia Ideson Building. She also served as chair during the most extensive update to the Historic Preservation Ordinance since its creation in 1995.

“Phoebe Tudor is a passionate leader who helps Houstonians and visitors to our city realize the importance and value in preserving Houston's historic architecture, buildings and sites,” said Mayor Parker.

Tudor led many initiatives to save historic building resources in Houston, including the 1919 Harry Wiess House that now serves as the official home of David Leebron, president of Rice University; and, founded the Julia Ideson Library Preservation Partners (JILPP), Inc., in 2006. In a public-private partnership with the City of Houston, JILPP raised more than \$32 million to expand and preserve the Julia Ideson Library Building, which was built in 1926 and is one of Houston's most beloved architectural treasures.

Tudor's leadership for the restoration and expansion of the Julia Ideson Library Building resulted in a new state of the art archival wing for the Houston Metropolitan Research Center and extensive restoration of the historic public rooms.

*Pictured below are Council Member Ellen Cohen, Phoebe Tudor and Mayor Annise D. Parker*



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