

# MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, December 12, 2007

Meeting Held at the  
City Hall Annex  
Council Chamber  
Public Level  
900 Bagby Street  
3:00 PM

An audio-tape of the full proceedings is on file  
at the Planning and Development Department

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:09 p.m. by Chair, Mrs. Betty Chapman, 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.

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| Betty Chapman, Chair     | P |
| Phoebe Tudor, Vice Chair | P |
| J. D. Bartell            | P |
| Sharie Beale             | P |
| Faye Bryant              | P |
| Paul Fruge Jr.           | P |
| Rafael Longoria          | P |
| Dr. Roger G. Moore       | P |
| C. K. Pang               | P |
| Dr. Suraiya Saleem       | P |
| Scott Slaney             | P |

The Chair introduced and welcomed Emily Todd, who is the Mayor's Liaison to the HAHC.

There was no report from the Director.

## APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 24, 2007 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Mrs. Bryant, seconded by Mrs. Beale, to approve the October 24, 2007, Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously. There are no meeting minutes for November 14, 2007 as there was no quorum present.

### I. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR HOUSTON HEIGHTS HISTORIC DISTRICT EAST INITIATED BY A MAJORITY OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS

Paul Fruge, Jr., a commissioner who owns property within the proposed historic district, recused himself from the public hearing for agenda item I and was seated among the audience during the discussion and vote.

Chair opened and closed the public hearing after the speakers.

Speakers: Council Member Peter Brown, Janice Evans-Davis, Jonathan Smulian, Council Member Sue Lovell, Courtney Tordy, Barbara Simper, Mark Williamson, J. Kent Marsh, Tom Gladney, Calvin Simper and David Beale.

Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mr. Bartell, to accept staff's recommendation that the HAHC recommends to the Houston Planning Commission the Historic District Designation of the Houston Heights Historic District East. Motion carried unanimously. Staff announced that the Planning Commission would consider the application at their public hearing on January 3, 2008.

Mr. Fruge' rejoined the HAHC meeting at this time.

## II. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS FOR:

### a. 1208 Ashland Street – Houston Heights Historic District West (Pending) – (New Construction – Residence)

Motion was made by Mrs. Bryant, seconded by Dr. Saleem, to accept staff's recommendation to approve item IIa. Motion carried unanimously.

### b. 1215 Arlington – Houston Heights Historic District West (Pending) – (New Construction – Residence)

Motion was made by Dr. Saleem, seconded by Mr. Fruge, to accept staff's recommendation to approve item IIb. Motion carried with Mrs. Beale opposed.

**Marlene Gafrick, Director of Planning and Development Department, left the HAHC meeting at this time, and Leah Hayes, Deputy Director, joined the meeting.**

### c. 1415 Columbia Street – Houston Heights Historic District East (Pending) – New Construction – Residence)

During discussion of this application, the applicant asked if the HAHC can consider an economic hardship in the issuance of this Certificate of Appropriateness. The HAHC referred the question to the Legal Department for response. While the Legal Department considered the matter and reviewed the ordinance, a motion was made by Mr. Bartell, seconded by Mrs. Beale, to defer the matter until later in the meeting until the Legal Department could respond. The motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Jeremiah McFarland, Christie Lewis

### d. 1420 Harvard Street – Houston Heights Historic District East (Pending) – (Demolition – Residence)

Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mr. Slaney, to accept staff's recommendation to deny item IIc. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Jeremiah McFarland

### e. 1232 Rutland Street – Houston Heights Historic District West (Pending) – (Demolition – Residence)

Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mr. Bartell, to accept staff's recommendation to deny item IIe. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Jeremiah McFarland

**Motion was made at this time to resume discussion of agenda item IIc by Mr. Bartell, seconded by Mrs. Beale. Motion carried unanimously. The Legal Department explained that a certificate of appropriateness for either demolition or relocation is the only time an economic hardship provision is applicable.**

Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mr. Longoria, to accept staff's recommendation to deny item IIc. Motion carried unanimously.

The HAHC resumed at this time the consideration of agenda items per agenda order.

**f. 1234 Allston Street – Houston Heights Historic District West – (Pending) - (Alteration – Dormers)**

Motion was made by Dr. Saleem, seconded by Mr. Bartell, to accept staff's recommendation to approve item IIc. Motion carried unanimously.

**g. 1111 Rutland Street – Houston Heights Historic District West – (Pending) - (Alteration - Porch)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mr. Slaney, to accept staff's recommendation to approve item IIg. Motion carried unanimously.

**h. 3640 Inwood Drive – Dr. Conway and Bessie Blume House - (Alteration – Rear Addition)**

Motion was made by Mr. Bartell, seconded by Mrs. Beale, to accept staff's recommendation to approve item IIh. Motion carried unanimously.

**i. 2313 Union Street – Old Sixth Ward Protected Historic District - (Demolition - Garage Apartment)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Bryant, seconded by Mrs. Beale, to accept staff's recommendation to approve item III. Motion carried unanimously

**j. 2313 Union Street – Old Sixth Ward Protected Historic District - (Relocation – Historic House into District)**

Motion was made by Mr. Bartell, seconded by Mrs. Beale, to accept staff's recommendation to approve item IIj. Motion carried with Mr. Fruge abstaining and Mr. Longoria opposed.

**k. 1819 Lubbock Street – Old Sixth Ward Protected Historic District - (Alteration – Rear Addition)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mr. Bartell, to accept staff's recommendation to approve item IIk. Motion carried unanimously.

**L. 914 Prairie Avenue – Main Street Market Square Historic District - (Alteration - Storefront)**

Motion was made by Mr. Bartell, seconded by Mrs. Beale, to accept staff's recommendation to deny item III. Motion carried unanimously.

**m. 1 West 11<sup>th</sup> Place – West 11<sup>th</sup> Place Historic District - (Alteration – Rear Windows and Doors)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Tudor, seconded by Mrs. Bryant, to accept staff's recommendation to approve item IIl. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Brent Nyquist

**III. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATIONS INITIATED BY THE OWNERS:**

**a. 3640 Inwood Drive – Dr. Conway and Bessie Blume House**

Chair opened and closed the public hearing after the speakers.

Speaker: Florence Langford

Motion was made by Mr. Bartell, seconded by Mrs. Beale, to accept staff's recommendation that the HAHC recommends to the Houston Planning Commission the Landmark Designation of the Dr. Conway

and Bessie Blume House at 3640 Inwood Drive. Motion carried unanimously. Staff announced that the Planning Commission would consider the application at their public hearing on January 3, 2008.

**b. 2960 Lazy Lane – J. Robert Neal House**

Chair opened and closed the public hearing, as there were no speakers.

Motion was made by Mrs. Tudor, seconded by Mrs. Bryant, to accept staff's recommendation that the HAHC recommends to the Houston Planning Commission the Landmark Designation of the J. Robert Neal House at 2960 Lazy Lane. Motion carried unanimously. Staff announced that the Planning Commission would consider the application at their public hearing on January 3, 2008.

**IV. Consideration of Tax Relief for the Magnolia Brewery Café Taproom Building (aka Magnolia Ballroom), a designated Protected Landmark – 715 Franklin Avenue**

Motion was made by Mrs. Tudor, seconded by Mrs. Beale, to accept staff's recommendation that the HAHC recommends Tax Relief for the Magnolia Brewery Café Taproom Building to Houston City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

**V. ESTABLISH HAHC MEETING DATES FOR 2008**

Motion was made by Mr. Bartell, seconded by Dr. Saleem, to accept staff's recommendation that the HAHC establish HAHC meeting dates for 2008 as presented. Motion carried with Mr. Longoria opposed.

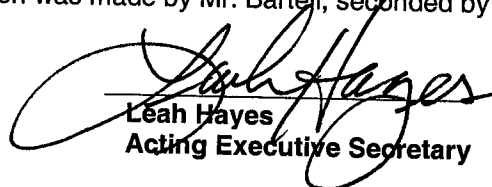
**VI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND HAHC**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to bring before the commission, Chair, Mrs. Betty Chapman, adjourned the meeting at 5.53 p. m. after a motion was made by Mr. Bartell, seconded by Mrs. Beale.

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**Betty Trapp Chapman**  
Chair

  
**Leah Hayes**  
Acting Executive Secretary