

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Thursday, October 16, 2008

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 3:01 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.

Betty Chapman, Chair	P
Phoebe Tudor, Vice Chair	P
J. D. Bartell	P
Sharie Beale	P
Fernando Brave	A
Faye Bryant	P
Paul Fruge Jr.	P
Dr. Roger G. Moore	P
C. K. Pang	P (arrived at 3:11pm)
Venita Ray	P
Dr. Suraiya Saleem	A (Resigned)

There was no report from the Chair.

There was no report from the Director.

Minnette Boesel asked that a report from Mayor's Cultural Assistant be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 13, 2008 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Mrs. Ray, seconded by Mrs. Beale, to approve the August 13, 2008, Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no meeting on September 18, 2008 or October 2, 2008 which was the rescheduled meeting as there was no quorum.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 4, 2008 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION TOUR NARRATIVE NOTES AS MINUTES FOR THE TOUR

Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mrs. Bryant, to approve the October 4, 2008, Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission tour narrative notes as minutes for the tour. Motion carried unanimously.

I. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS:

The chair announced public hearings and consideration of certificates of appropriateness for agenda items la, lc, le, lh, li, lj and lk. A motion was made by Mrs. Beale and seconded by Mrs. Bryant to remove item lk for discussion.

Planning staff provided that in accordance with the criteria outlined in the Historic Preservation Ordinance, each HAHC member has been provided with staff's complete report which also had been posted on the Planning Department website for public review and comment here today. Staff recommends approval of Items la, lc, le, lh, li, and lj, which have been reviewed for compliance with and meeting the criteria outlined in the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

The chair asked if anyone in the audience had signed up to speak or otherwise else wishes to address any of these items currently being considered, please to do so at this time. The chair also stated that unless there is any real need for discussion or there are any questions, a motion will be entertained to accept staff's recommendation for the following items:

- a. 219 W. 11th Street – Houston Heights Historic District West – (Alteration – Rear Addition)**
- c. 224 W. 16th Street – Houston Heights Historic District West – (Alteration – Rear Addition)**
- e. 1130 Arlington Street – Houston Heights Historic District East – (Alteration – Rear Addition)**
- h. 540 Frasier Street – Freeland Historic District – (New Construction – Garage)**
- i. 433 W. 24th Street – DeLarma McCollum House – City of Houston Landmark – (Relocate house within its own lot)**
- j. 433 W. 24th Street – DeLarma McCollum House – City of Houston Landmark – (Alteration – Rear Addition)**

There were no speakers to these items and motion was made by Dr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Bryant, to accept staff's recommendation to approve items la, lc, le, lh, li, and lj. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mr. Bartell to take item lk out of order at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

- k. 500 McKinney – Julia Ideson Library – City of Houston Protected Landmark – (Alteration – Rear Addition)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Tudor, seconded by Dr. Moore, to accept staff's recommendation to approve item lk. Motion carried. Mr. Pang recused himself from the discussion as he works for the architectural firm.

Speakers: Paul Homeyer and Barry Moore.

The HAHC resumed reviewing the remaining agenda items in the order that they were posted on the agenda.

- b. 219 W. 16th Street - Houston Heights Historic District West – (Alteration - Roof)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mrs. Tudor, to accept staff's recommendation to deny item lb. Motion carried with Mr. Fruge opposed.

Speaker: David Tessin

- d. 301 E. 16th Street – Houston Heights Historic District East - (New Construction - Residence)**

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

- f. 1402 Harvard Street – Houston Heights Historic District East – (Alteration – Rear Addition)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Tudor, seconded by Mr. Fruge, not to follow staff's recommendation to deny but to approve item lf and also amend the application to exclude the proposed construction of the roof cupola. Motion carried with Ms. Bryant, Mrs. Beale and Mr. Bartell opposed.

Speakers: Jonathan Ross and Courtney Tardy.

A motion was made by Mr. Bartell, seconded by Mrs. Ray to take Item IIIc out of order at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF LANDMARK AND PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATIONS INITIATED BY THE OWNER:

c. Farnsworth and Chambers Building, aka Gragg Building – (City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department Building) – 2999 South Wayside Drive.

Chair opened and closed the public hearing after speaker.

Motion was made by Mr. Bartell, seconded by Mrs. Beale, to accept staff's recommendation that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommends to the Houston Planning Commission the Landmark and Protected Landmark Designation of the Farnsworth and Chambers Building at 2999 South Wayside Drive. Motion carried unanimously. Staff announced that the Planning Commission would consider the application at their public hearing on October 23, 2008.

Speaker: Warren Falcon.

The HAHC resumed reviewing the remaining agenda items in the order that they were posted on the agenda.

g. 1629 Oxford Street – Houston Heights Historic District East – (New construction - Garage)

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

Speaker: Jeff Copeland.

L. 1509 Arlington Street – Houston Heights Historic District East – (Alteration – Siding and windows)

Motion was made by Mr. Bartell, seconded by Mrs. Beale, to accept staff's recommendation to deny item IL and also amend application for installing wood windows instead of vinyl ones. Motion carried with Mr. Fruge opposed.

Speakers: Michael McEnrue, Roy Rodriguez and Courtney Tardy

II. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION INITIATED BY THE OWNER FOR WADDELL'S HOUSEFURNISHING COMPANY BUILDINGS – 806-810 SAMPSON STREET:

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mrs. Ray, to accept staff's recommendation that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommends to the Houston Planning Commission the Landmark Designation of the Waddell's Housefurnishing Company Buildings at 806-810 Sampson Street. Motion carried unanimously. Staff announced that the Planning Commission would consider the application at their public hearing on October 23, 2008.

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

a. Elbert C. Crawford House – 428 Westmoreland Avenue

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mrs. Bryant, to accept staff's recommendation that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommends to the Houston Planning Commission the Landmark and Protected Landmark Designation of the Elbert C. Crawford House at 428 Westmoreland Avenue. Motion carried unanimously. Staff announced that the Planning Commission would consider the application at their public hearing on October 23, 2008.

b. Daisy Wilson Bland House – 227 W. 18th Street.

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mrs. Bryant, to accept staff's recommendation that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommends to the Houston Planning Commission the Landmark and Protected Landmark Designation of the Daisy Wilson Bland House at 227 W. 18th Street. Motion carried unanimously. Staff announced that the Planning Commission would consider the application at their public hearing on October 23, 2008.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF TAX RELIEF FOR THE SWEENEY AND COOMBS BUILDING, A DESIGNATED PROTECTED LANDMARK – 310 MAIN STREET

Motion was made by Mr. Bartell, seconded by Mrs. Bryant, to accept staff's recommendation that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommends to Houston City Council tax relief for the significant protected landmark at 310 Main Street. Motion carried unanimously.

V. PRESENTATION REGARDING STATE OF TEXAS ETHICS FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

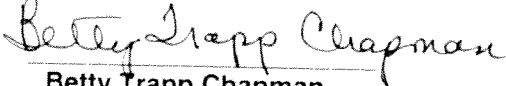
Michael Schaffer announced that each member was required to view the Ethics presentation on their own and once viewed, sign the form that was distributed that certified that they had done so.

VI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE HAHC

Speakers: Commissioner Bartell, Courtney Tardy and Minnette Boesel.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the commission, Chair, Mrs. Betty Chapman, adjourned the meeting at 5:58 a.m. after a motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mrs. Ray.


Betty Trapp Chapman
Chair


Marlene L. Gafrick,
Executive Secretary