

**MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL
COMMISSION**

**Thursday, December 11, 2008
Meeting Held at the City Hall Annex, Council Chamber, Public Level
900 Bagby Street, Houston TX 77002
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 3:03 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	P
Faye Bryant	P
Douglas Elliot	P
Paul Fruge Jr.	P
Dr. Roger G. Moore	P
C. K. Pang	P (arrived at 3:04 pm)
Venita Ray	P

There was no report by the Chair.

The Director's Report was given by Michael Schaffer, Deputy Director of Planning and Development Department who deferred part of his report to the end of the meeting for the presentation by Jonathan Smulian of the Design Guide for Houston Heights.

A report was given by Minnette Boesel, the Mayor's Assistant for Cultural Affairs including that the street signs for Houston Heights and Avondale West Historic Districts had been installed.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Bartell, seconded by Mrs. Bryant, to approve the November 13, 2008, Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

I. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS:

The chair announced public hearings and consideration of certificates of appropriateness for agenda items.

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 deferral of the following Items as the applicants have agreed to provide more information for future consideration.

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. 2021-2047 West Gray (Bldg # 1) – River Oaks Shopping Center – (Alteration – Signs)**
- b. 2005-2015 West Gray (Bldg # 2) – River Oaks Shopping Center – (Alteration – Signs)**
- h. 1235 Oxford Street – Houston Heights Historic District East – (Alteration – Addition)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mrs. Ray, to accept staff's recommendation to defer items Ia, Ib and Ih. Motion carried unanimously.

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 the following Items:

- c. 1908 Decatur Street – Old Sixth Ward Protected Historic District – (New Construction - Garage)**
- f. 2003 Union Street – Old Sixth Ward Protected Historic District – Alteration – Commercial Building)**
- g. 1237 Arlington Street – Houston Heights Historic District East – (Alteration – Rear Addition)**
- i. 710 W. Melwood Street – Norhill Historic District – (Demolition – Detached Garage)**
- j. 710 W. Melwood Street – Norhill Historic District – (Alteration – Rear Addition)**
- k. 1136 Peddie Street – Norhill Historic District – (Alteration – Rear Addition)**
- L. 1236 Studewood Street – Norhill Historic District – (New Construction – Commercial Building)**

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Bryant, seconded by Mrs. Beale, to accept staff's recommendation to approve items Ic, If, Ig, Ii, Ij, Ik and IL. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- d. 516 Henderson Street – Old Sixth Ward Historic District – (Demolition - Residence)**

Motion was made by Mr. Bartell, seconded by Mr. Fruge, to accept staff's recommendation to deny item Id. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Tom Reiser

e. 2019 State Street – Old Sixth Ward Historic District – (Demolition – Residence)

Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mr. Bartell, to accept staff's recommendation to deny item 1e. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Tom Reiser

II. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF HISTORIC DISTRICT APPLICATION INITIATED BY A MAJORITY OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THE AUDUBON PLACE HISTORIC DISTRICT

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mr. Brave, to accept staff's recommendation that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommends to the Houston Planning Commission the Historic District designation application initiated by a majority of the property owners for the Audubon Place Historic District. Motion carried unanimously. Staff announced that the Planning Commission would consider the application at their public hearing on December 18, 2008.

III. ESTABLISH HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING DATES FOR 2009

Motion was made by Mr. Bartell, seconded by Dr. Moore, to accept staff's recommendation for the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission meeting dates for 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. ESTABLISH A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JANUARY 15, 2009 FOR CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 33 RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Dr. Moore, to establish a public hearing for January 15, 2009 for consideration of amendments to Chapter 33 relating to Historic Preservation. Motion carried unanimously.

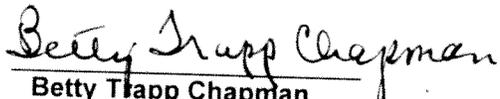
Sharie Beale gave a brief summary of the activities of the HAHC Sub-committee meeting with stakeholders, including the Greater Houston Builders Association about the proposed ordinance amendments.

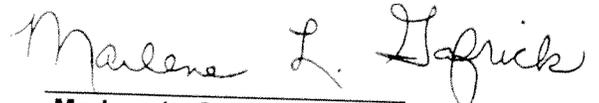
V. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Michael Schaffer had begun the Director's Report and deferred it until the end of the meeting. At that time, Jonathan Smulian, who is a consultant hired by the Planning Department, made a presentation regarding the Design Guide for Houston Heights.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the commission, Chair, Mrs. Betty Chapman, adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m. after a motion was made by Mrs. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Bartell.


Betty Trapp Chapman
Chair


Marlene L. Gafrick
Executive Secretary