

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Thursday, April 8, 2010

Meeting Held at the City Hall Annex, Council Chamber, Public Level

900 Bagby Street, Houston TX 77002

3:00 PM

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in the Planning and Development Department

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 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
Deborah Blacklock-Sloan	A
Fernando Brave	P – Arrived at 3:10 p.m. during item II
Faye B. Bryant	A
Douglas Elliott	P
Paul Fruge Jr.	P
Rob D. Hellyer	P
Dr. Roger G. Moore	P
Venita Ray	P
Maverick Welsh	P

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

NONE

Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mr. Welsh to appoint a Task Force for Independence Heights and to place Independence Heights on the May 20, 2010 agenda.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's report was given by Michael Schaffer, Deputy Director, Planning and Development Department.

MAYOR'S CULTURAL LIAISON REPORT

The Mayor's Cultural Liaison report was given by Minnette Boesel, the Mayor's Assistant for Cultural Affairs.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 11, 2010 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Mr. Bartell, seconded by Mrs. Tudor, to approve the March 11, 2010, Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mrs. Tudor, seconded by Mrs. Beale to take Item II out of order and present it at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

II. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF HISTORIC DISTRICT APPLICATION INITIATED BY A MAJORITY OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS FOR FIRST MONTROSE COMMONS HISTORIC DISTRICT

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing after the speaker spoke.

Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mr. Welsh, to accept staff's recommendation that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommends to the Houston Planning Commission the Historic District designation of the First Montrose Commons Historic District. Motion carried unanimously. Staff announced that the Planning Commission would consider the application at their public hearing on April 15, 2010.

Speaker for item II: Steve Longmire – supportive.

Motion was made by Mrs. Tudor, seconded by Ms. Ray to take Items III and IV out of order and present them at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION INITIATED BY THE OWNER: PLAYHOUSE THEATER - 4816 MAIN STREET

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing after the speakers spoke.

Motion was made by Mr. Brave, seconded by Mr. Welsh, to accept staff's recommendation that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommends to the Houston Planning Commission the Landmark Designation of the Playhouse Theatre at 4816 Main Street. Motion carried unanimously. Staff announced that the Planning Commission would consider the application at their public hearing on April 15, 2010.

Speakers for item III: Dr. John and Mrs. Gertrude Stone – supportive.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF LANDMARK AND PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION INITIATED BY THE OWNER: ST. JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH – 2702 DOWLING STREET

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing after the speaker spoke.

Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mr. Welsh, to accept staff's recommendation that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommends to the Houston Planning Commission the Protected Landmark Designation of the St. John Missionary Baptist Church Building at 2702 Dowling Street. Motion carried unanimously. Staff announced that the Planning Commission would consider the application at their public hearing on April 15, 2010.

Speaker for item IV: Dr. Terrance D. Grant-Malone – supportive.

The remainder of the agenda items are taken in order at this time.

I. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS FOR:

a. 531 Frasier Street – Freeland Historic District - (Addition – Residence)

Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mr. Fruge, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness Application as presented by the applicant for item I-a. Motion carried with Mr. Elliott opposed.

Speakers for item I-a: Charles and Cecelia Ottenweller – supportive

b. 505 Avondale Street – Avondale West Historic District - (New Construction – Garage)

Motion was made by Dr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Brave, to accept staff's recommendation to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness Application for item I-b. Motion carried unanimously.

c. 1105 Key Street – Norhill Historic District – (Alteration – Residence)

Motion was made by Mr. Bartell, seconded by Mr. Welsh, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness Application for item I-c with two approved options: that the house is 1) moved east on current setback of 13'7" or 2) moved east with 15' setback if so required by Proctor Plaza deed restriction committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

d. 1105 Key Street – Norhill Historic District – (New Construction – Garage)

Motion was made by Mr. Brave, seconded by Mr. Fruge, to accept staff's recommendation to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness Application for item I-d. Motion carried unanimously.

e. 801 Andrews – Bethel Missionary Baptist Church (98L072) – (Alteration – Church)

Motion was made by Mr. Welsh, seconded by Mr. Hellyer, to accept staff's recommendation to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness Application for item I-e. Motion carried unanimously.

f. 945-Harvard Street – Robert and Dena Cole House - (Alteration – Residence)

Motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mrs. Beale, to accept staff's recommendation to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness Application for item I-f. Motion carried unanimously.

g. 1129 Oxford Street – Houston Heights Historic District East - (Alteration – Residence)

Motion was made by Mrs. Tudor, seconded by Mr. Brave, to accept staff's recommendation to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness Application for item I-g. Motion carried with Mr. Fruge opposed and Mrs. Ray abstained.

h. 1315 Harvard Street – Houston Heights Historic District East – (Alteration – Carport)

Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mr. Welsh, to accept staff's recommendation to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness Application for item I-h. Motion carried unanimously.

i. 422 W. 15th Street – Houston Heights Historic District West – (New Construction – Garage)

Motion was made by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Welsh, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness Application for item I-i with the condition that the new garage meet a minimum 40 foot setback from the front property line.. Motion carried with Mr. Bartell, Ms. Ray and Mrs. Tudor opposed.

j. 307 W. 13th Street – Houston Heights Historic District West – (Alteration – Residence)

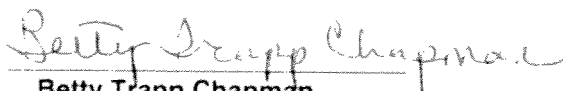
Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mr. Fruge, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness Application for item I-j. Motion carried with Mr. Elliott and Mr. Hellyer opposed and Mr. Brave abstained.

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

Speaker for item V: David Beale.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the commission, Chair, Mrs. Betty Chapman, adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m. Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mr. Welsh.


Betty Trapp Chapman
Chair


Michael Schäffer
Executive Secretary