

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

**Thursday, March 21, 2013
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 3:05 p.m. by Chair, Mrs. Phoebe Tudor, 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.

Phoebe Tudor, Chair	P
Edie Archer	P
Debra Blacklock-Sloan	P
David Bucek	P
Romulo Tim Cisneros	P
Ann Collum	P
John Cosgrove	P
Douglas Elliott	P
Jorge Garcia-Herreros	A
Rob D. Hellyer	P
Paul Homeyer	P
Charles Stava	P
Maverick Welsh	P

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

NONE

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's report was given by Marlene Gafrick, Director, Planning and Development. Mrs. Gafrick announced the Department's Plaque Program and mentioned the department has ordered plaques for designated Landmarks and Protected Landmarks. They will be delivered by the end of April in time for the upcoming Historic Preservation Fair that will be held Saturday, May 18, from 8 am to 1 pm at the Houston Permitting Center, located at 1002 Washington Avenue. Also, she would like clear up some confusion regarding the Design Guidelines. The Old Sixth Ward Design Guidelines were the only Design Guidelines that were approved by City Council. The design guidelines that were created for the other Districts were just educational, so the Certificate of Appropriateness are not being reviewed against those guidelines. The Historic Preservation Ordinance revisions require any new Historic Districts to have design guidelines. There is only one new Historic District, Germantown, and we are currently working on their design guidelines and are proposing to present it to City Council around the first of June. For the existing districts we are in the process of creating a web base Historic Preservation manual for Houston that will include two parts. The first part will be a how to and the second part will be eighteen District profiles. We plan to go live with the web based manual on May 1 and once it is complete we will have a presentation for the Commission. We are also under taking one more effort to help establish some predictability in the Districts by compiling a database with the dimensions of the buildings to help the Commission with their review. We can also speed up the process by getting assistance from people in the community or summer architect interns from the universities. Announced and thanked Chair Phoebe Tudor for her service on the Commission. She has exceeded six years in her position on the Commission and her last

meeting will be in April. Also, announced the Historic District street signs are going up in all the Historic Districts.

MAYOR'S CULTURAL LIAISON REPORT

The Mayor's Cultural Liaison report was given by Minnette Boesel, Mayor's Assistant for Cultural Affairs. Mrs. Boesel announced that Laney Dwyer with the Houston Public Library will serve as an Ex-Officio representative to the Commission. Also, mentioned and passed out information about the Emma Richardson Cherry exhibit at the Julia Ideson Library.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2013 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Mr. Welsh, seconded by Mr. Cosgrove, to approve the February 21, 2013 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

I. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS:

Motion was made by Mr. Cosgrove, seconded by Mr. Welsh to take agenda items I-b, I-c, I-d, I-e, I-f, I-h, I-i, I-j, I-k, I-l, I-m, I-n, I-t, and I-aa together as consent agenda items and address them at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. 541 Columbia Street – Houston Heights Historic District South (Alteration – Addition)**
- c. 908 Congress – Main Street Market Square Historic District (Alteration – Sign/Canopy)**
- d. 928 Harvard Street – Houston Heights Historic District South (Alteration – Addition)**
- e. 1002 Al Gregg Street – Norhill Historic District (Alteration–Porch)**
- f. 1117 Prairie Street – LM - Sam Houston Hotel (Alteration – Canopy)**
- h. 2015 W. Gray – LM – River Oaks Shopping Center (Alteration – Sign)**
- i. 426 Harvard Street – Houston Heights Historic South (New Construction – Garage)**
- j. 1409 Allston Street – Houston Heights Historic District West (Alteration – Windows)**
- k. 727 W. Temple Street – Norhill Historic District South (Alteration – Porch)**
- l. 1035 E. 11th Street – Norhill Historic District (Alteration – Addition)**
- m. 1315 Tulane Street – Houston Heights Historic District West (Alteration – Garage)**
- n. 1505 Oxford Street – Houston Heights Historic District East (Alteration – Addition)**
- t. 1843 Harvard Street – Houston Heights Historic District East (New Construction – Residence Revision)**
- aa. 1810 Summer Street – PLM – Otto Pech House (Alteration – Siding/Windows)**

Motion made by Mrs. Collum, seconded by Mr. Stava, to grant Certificates of Appropriateness to all consent items. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission returned to Agenda Item I-a at this time and proceeded with the remaining agenda items.

a. 424 W. 12th Street – Houston Heights Historic District West (Alteration–Siding/Trim)

Motion was made by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Homeyer, to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item I-a. Motion carried with Mr. Bucek, Mr. Cosgrove, Mrs. Blacklock-Sloan and Mr. Stava opposing, and Mrs. Collum abstaining.

Speakers: Dave Vandiver, owner and Sue Lovell – supportive.

g. 1803 Lubbock Street – Old Sixth Ward Historic District (New Construction – Garage)

Motion was made by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Stava to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item I-g. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: James Schriver – opposed.

o. 606 Colquitt Street – First Montrose Commons Historic District (Demolition – Residence)

Deferred at applicant's request

p. 1127 Arlington Street – Houston Heights Historic District East (Demolition – Residence)

Motion was made by Mr. Cisneros, seconded by Mrs. Blacklock-Sloan to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item I-p. Motion carried with Mr. Stava abstaining.

q. 712 Cortlandt Street – Houston Heights Historic District South (Alteration – Addition)

Motion was made by Mr. Welsh, seconded by Mr. Cisneros to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item I-q. Motion carried with Mrs. Blacklock-Sloan and Mr. Bucek opposing.

r. 1513 Arlington Street – Houston Heights Historic District East (New Construction – Residence/Garage)

Motion was made by Mrs. Blacklock-Sloan, seconded by Mr. Welsh to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item I-r to allow applicant to address noncompliance with the required 27' front setback and to provide sufficient and correct dimensional detail for staff's review. Motion carried unanimously.

Speakers: Sue Lovell – representing applicant, supportive.

Commissioner Phoebe Tudor left the room and Commissioner Welsh proceeded to Chair the meeting.

s. 1648 Cortlandt Street – Houston Heights Historic District East (Alteration – Addition)

Motion was made by Mr. Cisneros, seconded by Mrs. Collum, to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item I-s with recommendation to the applicant to push the 2nd story addition back to rear 1/3 of existing structure. Motion carried with Mr. Hellyer abstaining.

Speakers: Johanthan Russell and Tim Fischer, owners and Sue Lovell, representing applicant – supportive.

Commissioner Phoebe Tudor returned and proceeded to Chair the meeting.

u. 317 E. 18th Street – Houston Heights Historic District East (Alteration – Siding/Windows)

Motion was made by Mr. Bucek, seconded by Mrs. Archer, to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness with the condition the applicant use one-over-one windows on the south elevation instead of the single-lite windows proposed for item I-u. Motion carried unanimously.

v. 910 W. Cottage Street – Norhill Historic District (Alteration – Porch/Siding)

Motion was made by Mr. Cosgrove, seconded by Mr. Welsh to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item I-v. Motion carried unanimously.

w. 1023 W. Melwood Street – Norhill Historic District (Alteration – Windows Revision)

Motion was made by Mr. Cisneros, seconded by Mr. Welsh to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item I-w. Motion carried with Mr. Bucek and Mr. Stava abstaining.

Speaker: Nick Eronko, applicant – supportive.

x. 1039 Oxford Street – Houston Heights Historic District South (Alteration – Addition)

Motion was made by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Cosgrove to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item I-x. Motion carried with Mrs. Collum and Mr. Stava opposing; Mr. Bucek, Mr. Homeyer and Mrs. Blacklock-Sloan abstaining.

Speaker: Greg Swedberg, applicant – supportive.

y. 1405 Arlington Street – Houston Heights Historic District East (New Construction – Residence)

Motion was made by Mr. Bucek, seconded by Mr. Homeyer to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness with the conditions that the windows on the south elevation be 9-over-1 wood sash windows with no transoms above, and the proportions remain the same as the proposed 6-over-1 windows including transom for item I-y. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Mark Baughman, owner – supportive.

z. 1638 Harvard Street – Houston Heights Historic District East (Alteration – Windows)

Motion was made by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Bucek to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item I-z. Motion carried with Mr. Hellyer opposing and Mr. Homeyer abstaining.

Speaker: Sue Lovell – representing applicant, supportive.

bb. 1815 North Blvd. – Boulevard Oaks Historic District (Alteration – Windows)

Motion was made by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mrs. Archer, to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item I-bb. Motion carried with Mr. Bucek, Mrs. Blacklock-Sloan, Mr. Stava and Mr. Welsh opposing; Mr. Homeyer abstaining.

Speaker: Joe Billings – supportive.

cc. 7939 Belfort Street – Glenbrook Valley Historic District (Alteration –Porch)

Motion was made by Mr. Welsh, seconded by Mrs. Collum to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item I-cc. Motion carried with Mrs. Archer, Mr. Cosgrove, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Hellyer and Mr. Homeyer opposing.

Commissioner Phoebe Tudor left the room and Commissioner Welsh proceeded to Chair the meeting.

II MONTHLY PRESERVATION TOPIC

Lorelei Willett with the Planning and Development Department gave a presentation about Improving Energy Efficiency of historic windows.

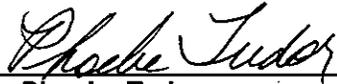
III COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE HAHC

Minnette Boesel, Mayor's Assistant for Cultural Affairs introduced Laney Dwyer with the Houston Public Library that will serve as an Ex-Officio representative to the Commission.

Commissioner Welsh expressed his disappointment regarding no protective landmarks on the agenda.

IV ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the commission, a motion was made by Mrs. Collum, seconded by Mr. Homeyer to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m.



Phoebe Tudor
Chair



Marlene L. Gafnick
Executive Secretary