

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

**Thursday, December 12, 2013
Meeting Held at the City Hall Annex, Council Chamber, Public Level
900 Bagby Street, Houston TX 77002
3:00 PM**

**A CD/DVD of the full proceedings is on file
in the Planning and Development Department**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Chair, Mr. Maverick Welsh, 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.

Edie Archer	P Left at 5:50 pm during item III x
Debra Blacklock-Sloan	P Left at 6:16 pm during item III ee
David Bucek	P Arrived at 3:04 pm during Director's Report
Romulo Tim Cisneros	P Left at 4:55 pm during item III h
Ann Collum	A
John Cosgrove	P
Douglas Elliott	P
Jorge Garcia-Herreros	P
Rob D. Hellyer	P
Paul Homeyer	A
Anna Mod	P
Charles Stava	P Left at 6:16 pm during item III ee
Maverick Welsh	P

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chair's report was given by Chair, Maverick Welsh. Mr. Welsh announced the consideration of landmark designation for the Houston Astrodome is on the Agenda and will be discussed later during HAHC Commission meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's report was given by Interim Director, Patrick Walsh. Mr. Walsh introduced himself as the current Interim Director and Secretary of the Houston Archeological and Historic Commission. Mr. Walsh stated that City Council recently approved the Design Guidelines for the Germantown Historic District and the guidelines are available for review online at houstonplanning.com. Also, The Starkweather Historic District is anticipating going before Council. Lastly Mr. Walsh announced that the First Ward created an application to become a Historic District.

MAYOR'S CULTURAL LIAISON REPORT

The Mayor's Cultural Liaison Report was given by the Mayor's Assistant, Ms. Minnette Boesel, Ms. Boesel announced that this weekend is the Heritage Society 51st Candlelight Tour on Saturday 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. and Sunday 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Sam Houston Park.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2013 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Stava, to approve the November 7, 2013 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission meeting minutes. Motion carried with Commissioner Hellyer abstaining.

I. MONTHLY PRESERVATION TOPIC:

Presentation of Preservation Houston was given by David Bush, Deputy Director of Preservation Houston.

II. CONSIDERATION OF INITIATION BY HAHC OF THE LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR THE HOUSTON ASTRODOME AT 8400 KIRBY DRIVE

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to initiate the landmark designation for the Houston Astrodome. Motion carried with Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan opposing.

III. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS:

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Mod to consider agenda items III-e, III-f, III-i, III-j, III-k, III-n, III-o, III-p, III-r, III-s, III-u, III-w, III-aa, III-cc, III-dd, III-gg, III-hh and III-ii together at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

- e. 4012 Oak Ridge St – Norhill Historic District - Alteration-Windows/Porch
- f. 2500 Summer St - LM/Cook Paint & Varnish Co. - Alteration-Commercial Building *Revision*
- i. 1513 Arlington St - Houston Heights Historic District East - New Construction-Residence *Revision*
- j. 2009 Decatur St - Old Sixth Ward Historic District - New Construction-Residence
- k. 3509 Stanford St - Audubon Place Historic District - Alteration-Noncontributing Structure
- n. 1906 Heights Blvd - Houston Heights Historic District East - New Construction-Garage
- o. 1212 Main St - LM/Humble Oil Building - Alteration-Commercial Building
- p. 2212 Decatur St - Old Sixth Ward Historic District - New Construction-Accessory Structure
- r. 2902 S Shepherd Dr - LM/Alabama Theater - Alteration-Sign
- s. 4609 Michaux St – Norhill Historic District - New Construction-Garage
- u. 2001- 2003 Lubbock St - Old Sixth Ward Historic District - Alteration-Residence
- w. 1748 North Blvd - Boulevard Oaks Historic District - New Construction-Residence
- aa. 1330 Cortlandt St - Houston Heights Historic District East - New Construction-Accessory Structure
- cc. 1102 W Gardner St – Norhill Historic District - Demolition-Garage
- dd. 1102 W Gardner St – Norhill Historic District - New Construction-Garage
- gg. 1445 Harvard St - Houston Heights Historic District East - New Construction-Carport
- hh. 1400 Allston St - Houston Heights Historic District West - Alteration-Porch
- ii. 818 Highland St - Woodland Heights Historic District - Alteration-Addition

Motion made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Herrerros, to grant Certificates of Appropriateness. Motion carried unanimously.

a. 525 Cortlandt Street - Houston Heights Historic District South (Alteration-Addition *Deferral*)

Motion was made by Commissioner Hellyer, seconded by Commissioner Cisneros, to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item III-a. Motion denied with Commissioner Mod, Commissioner Archer, Commissioner Garcia-Herrerros, Commissioner Stava, Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan, Commissioner Elliott and Commissioner Bucek opposing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Garcia- Herrerros to reopen item III-a. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Hellyer, to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item III-a with the condition that the eave height be lowered 8 ½ inches. Motion carried with Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan opposing.
Speakers: Clayton Watson and Sarah Watson, owner and Sam Gianukos, applicant - supportive.

b. 535 Harvard St - Houston Heights Historic District South (Alteration-Addition)

Motion was made by Commissioner Stava, seconded by Commissioner Mod to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item III-b. Motion carried with Commissioner Hellyer abstaining.
Speakers: Jason Holloway, owner and Sam Gianukos, applicant – supportive.

c. 1332 Cortlandt St - Houston Heights Historic District East (Alteration-Addition)

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item III-c with the condition that the applicant work out the deed restrictions issue with the neighborhood. Motion carried unanimously.
Speaker: Jeremy McFarland, applicant - supportive.

d. 525 Frasier St – Freeland Historic District (Alteration-Addition)

Motion was made by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner Archer to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item III.d as originally proposed by the applicant (to include the front-facing gable). Motion carried with Commissioner Stava abstaining and Commissioner Mod and Commissioner Garcia - Herreros opposing.
Speakers: Bridget Welch, owner, Travis Welch, owner and Jeremy McFarland, applicant - supportive.

g. 1213 Harvard St - Houston Heights Historic District East (Alteration-Addition)

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Mod to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item III-g. Motion carried unanimously.
Speakers: Jim Zucker, owner and Patricia Zucker, owner – supportive.

h. 1815 Cortlandt St - Houston Heights Historic District East (Demolition-Residence)

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item III-h. Motion carried with Commissioner Elliott and Commissioner Hellyer opposing.
Speakers: Chris Waterman, applicant, Cynthia Mullins and Michael McFarland, supportive, Kent Marsh – opposed.

I. 711 Key St – Norhill Historic District (Alteration-Addition Deferral)

Motion was made by Commissioner Hellyer, seconded by Commissioner Archer, to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item III-I. Motion carried with Commissioner Stava, Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan and Commissioner Elliott opposing and Commissioner Cosgrove abstaining.
Speaker: Terry Heroy – opposed.

m. 1101 Winston St - Norhill Historic District (Alteration-Windows)

Motion was made by Commissioner Archer, seconded by Commissioner Elliott to partially grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item III-m for approval of replacing only windows 1, 2, 3, 4. Motion carried with Commissioner Bucek and Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan opposing and Commissioner Garcia-Herreros abstaining.
Speaker: Jason Bartlett, owner - supportive.

q. 1919 Washington Ave - Old Sixth Ward Historic District (Alteration-Storefront)

Motion made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Archer to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item III-q with the condition that staff work with the applicant to propose a new design that has less of the divided lights for the lower portion. Motion carried with Commissioner Elliott abstained.

Item III-q reopened by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Bucek.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Archer to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item III-q with the condition with the condition that staff work with the applicant

to have the opening on the ground floor be single lights no divided lights. Motion carried with Commissioner Elliott and Commissioner Hellyer abstaining.

t. 605 Silver St -- Old Sixth Ward Historic District (Alteration-Noncontributing Structure Revision)

Motion was made by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner Hellyer to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item III-t. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Mike Blackburn, owner - supportive.

v. 316 Main St - Main Street Market Square (Alteration-Storefront)

Motion was made by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner Archer to grant the full scope of work as requested by applicant for item III-v. Motion carried with Commissioner Mod opposing.

Speakers: Joshua Martinez, Grace Rodriguez, applicant and Heather Swift, Downtown Management District - supportive.

x. 827 Key St – Norhill Historic District (Alteration-Siding/Trim)

Motion was made by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item III-x. Motion carried with Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan abstaining.

y. 1112 Ashland St -- Houston Heights Historic District West (Alteration-Addition)

Motion was made by Commissioner Hellyer, seconded by Commissioner Sloan to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item III-y. Motion failed with Commissioner Mod, Commissioner Garcia-Herreros, Commissioner Stava, Commissioner Bucek, Commissioner Elliott opposing and Commissioner Cosgrove abstaining,

Second motion was made by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner Mod to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item III-y with the condition that the historic windows be repaired and not replaced. Motion carried with Commissioner Cosgrove abstaining.

Speakers: Geoff Lancaster, owner - supportive.

z. 416 Cortlandt St - Houston Heights Historic District East (Alteration-Addition)

Motion was made by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item III-z. Motion carried with Commissioner Mod, Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan, Commissioner Stava opposing and Commissioner Garcia-Herreros abstaining.

bb. 1330 Cortlandt St - Houston Heights Historic District East (Alteration-Addition)

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Hellyer to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item III-bb. Motion carried with Commissioner Garcia-Herreros opposing and Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan, Commissioner Cosgrove, and Commissioner Stava abstaining.

Speakers: Kent Marsh – opposed, Jeremy McFarland, applicant - supportive.

ee. 612 Arlington St - Houston Heights Historic District South (Alteration-Siding/Trim)

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Bucek to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item III-ee for more information on the replacement fiberglass columns. Motion carried unanimously.

ff. 1304 Harvard St - Houston Heights Historic District East (Alteration-Addition)

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Herreros to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item III-ff. Motion carried unanimously.

jj. 2803 Beauchamp St - Woodland Heights Historic District (New Construction-Residence)

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Mod to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item III-jj. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE 2014 HAHC MEETING SCHEDULE:

Motion made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Hellyer to approve the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commissioner meeting schedule for the year 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

V. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE HAHC

Commissioner Welsh stated that during this Commission meeting that there were 92% approved rating, with 2 deferrals and 1 denial.

Taine Rockwell stated that she wanted to be more informed about item III-cc at 1102 W Gardner St and the process of the Houston Archeological and Historical Commission. Taine reported that she was informed by the neighbor of the applicant that the 3 foot building line was being waved in the process of the new construction being built and that approving items comparable to 1102 W Gardner St. will alter the character of the neighborhood. She concluded that the Norhill District was a jewel of Houston and there is no other place like it.

Kent Marsh stated that he would like to suggest that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission have a process similar to the building permits application process in regards to deed restriction compliance. He suggested adding an affidavit to ensure applicants are meeting deed restriction requirements to the Certificate of Appropriateness application process.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Bucek to adjourn the meeting 6:36 p.m.



Mayerick Welsh
Chair



Patrick Walsh
Executive Secretary