MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Thursday, September 25, 2014
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 3:07 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
Debra Blacklock-Sloan	P
David Bucek	P
Romulo Tim Cisneros	A
Ann Collum	A
John Cosgrove	A
Douglas Elliott	A
Jorge Garcia-Herreros	P
Rob D. Hellyer	P
Paul Homeyer	A
Anna Mod	P
Charles Stava	P
Maverick Welsh	P

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
The Chair's report was given by Chair, Maverick Welsh. Mr. Welsh reviewed the Speaker Rules for the audience and also announced the meeting was airing live on HTV and asked everyone to speak into the microphone, so they could be heard. He also encouraged each Commissioner to participate in each vote and to make motions to help move the meeting along and reminded everyone that there is another meeting scheduled in the chambers at 6:00 pm, so they would need to be finished before then.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
The Director's report was given by Director, Patrick Walsh. Mr. Walsh announced the Mayor has directed staff to initiate an update to the Historic Preservation Ordinance. The Historic Preservation Review committee will consist of three Historical Commissioners and two Planning Commissioners that will oversee the process. The first Committee meeting will be held Monday, September 29 in the Annex Council Chambers. At that meeting the committee will determine the date, time and location of additional meetings. The goal of this update is to correct and clarify targeted items in the code that have been identified as problematic from the experience we now have from administering the code since the 2010 update. Future meeting information will be posted on the Department's website. He also, gave an update on Wheatley High School and asked Omar Izfar with the Legal Department to give his report regarding the school.

MAYOR'S CULTURAL LIAISON REPORT
The Mayor's Cultural Liaison report was given by Ms. Minnette Boesel, the Mayor's Assistant for Cultural Affairs. Ms. Boesel mentioned an exhibit cosponsored by the Houston Public Library and the Houston Arts Alliance "Stories of a Workforce: Celebrating the Centennial of the Houston Ship Channel" opening September 2. Also, on Saturday October 11 the Houston History Association is

hosting a day long annual conference with a theme around the centennial of the Port and will also be held at the Julia Ideson Library where the exhibition will be held.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 28, 2014 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Stava, seconded by Commissioner Archer, to approve the August 28, 2014 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission meeting minutes. Motion carried with Commissioner Mod abstaining.

A. MONTHLY PRESERVATION TOPIC:

The Monthly Preservation Topic about the importance of preserving historic schools such as Milby and Wheatley was given by David Bush, Deputy Director of Preservation Houston.

B. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS:

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Bucek to consider agenda items B-2, B-3, B-4, B-5, B-9, B-10, B-11, B-12, B-15, B-16, and B-20 together at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

2. 2015 W. Gray, Suite D04 – LM: River Oaks Shopping Center – Alteration–Sign
3. 2015 W. Gray, Suite J – LM: River Oaks Shopping Center – Alteration–Storefront
4. 1660 South Blvd. – Boulevard Oaks Historic District – Alteration–Addition *Revision*
5. 3803 Bute St. – First Montrose Commons Historic District – Alteration–Door (Noncont.)
9. 1128 E. 16th St. – Norhill Historic District – Alteration–Garage
10. 824 W. Temple St. – Norhill Historic District – Alteration–Windows
11. 1120 Winston St. – Norhill Historic District – Demolition–Garage
12. 1120 Winston St. – Norhill Historic District – New Construction–Garage
15. 1610 Cortland St. – Houston Heights East Historic District – Alteration–Addition *Revision*
16. 1640 Columbia St. – Houston Heights East Historic District – Alteration–Windows (Noncont.)
20. 836 Columbia St. – Houston Heights South Historic District – Alteration–Garage (Noncont.)

Motion made by Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan, seconded by Commissioner Mod, to grant Certificates of Appropriateness. Motion carried unanimously.

1. 2504 Brentwood – LM / Forrest R. & Myrtle Oldham House (Alteration–Addition *Retroactive)*
Motion was made by Commissioner Hellyer, seconded by Commissioner Bucek to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-1. Motion carried with Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan, Commissioner Mod and Commissioner Stava opposing.

6. 8011 Glen Valley Dr. – Glenbrook Valley Historic District (Alteration–Windows*)*
Motion was made by Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Herreros to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-6. Motion carried with Commissioner Archer, Commissioner Hellyer and Commissioner Mod opposing.
Speaker: Cuauhtemoc Tellez, owner/applicant – supportive.

7. 809 Congress St. – Main Street Market Square Historic District (Alteration–Storefront *Renewal/Revision*)
Motion was made by Commissioner Archer, seconded by Commissioner Mod to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-7 based on criteria 1, 3, 4 and 5. Motion carried unanimously.

8. 715 Henderson St. – Old Sixth Ward Historic District (Alteration–Sign *Resubmittal*)
Motion was made by Commissioner Archer, seconded by Commissioner Mod to partially grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-8 as follows: per staffs design option #1 and to be hand painted. Motion carried unanimously.

13. 528 Highland St. – Woodland Heights Historic District (Alteration–Addition *Revision/Resubmittal*)
Motion was made by Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan, seconded by Commissioner Mod to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-13. Motion carried with Commissioner Hellyer opposing.
Speaker: Michael Czapski, owner/applicant –supportive.

14. 521 Euclid St. – Woodland Heights Historic District (Alteration–Addition *Resubmittal*)
Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Bucek to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-14. Motion carried with Commissioner Archer, Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan and Commissioner Hellyer opposing.
Speakers: Robert Garner, owner and Stephen Heiman, applicant – supportive.

17. 1235 Columbia St. – Houston Heights Historic District East (New Construction–Carport)
Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Stava to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-17. Motion carried unanimously.
Speaker: Kent Marsh – opposed.

18. 1641 Columbia St. – Houston Heights Historic District East (Alteration–Relocation/Addition)
Motion was made by Commissioner Archer, seconded by Commissioner Mod to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-18. Motion carried with Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan, Commissioner Bucek opposing and Commissioner Stava abstaining.
Speaker: Kent Marsh – opposed.

19. 836 Columbia St. – Houston Heights Historic District South (Alteration–Addition *Revision*)
Motion was made by Commissioner Archer, seconded by Commissioner Mod to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-19. Motion carried unanimously.
Speaker: Scott Leichtenberg, owner/applicant – supportive.

21. 409 Harvard St. – Houston Heights Historic District South (Alteration–Addition)
Motion was made by Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan, seconded by Commissioner Stava, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-21 based on criteria 4. Motion carried with Commissioner Archer, Commissioner Bucek and Commissioner Hellyer opposing.

22. 544 Harvard St. – Houston Heights Historic District South (Alteration–Addition)
Motion was made by Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan, seconded by Commissioner Mod to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-22 based on criteria 1, 4 and 9. Motion carried with Commissioner Archer, Commissioner Bucek and Commissioner Hellyer opposing.

23. 638 Heights Blvd. – Houston Heights Historic District South (Alteration–Addition *Resubmittal*)
Motion made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Stava to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-23 based on criteria 1, 4 and 9. Motion carried with Commissioner Archer and Commissioner Hellyer opposing.

24. 642 Heights Blvd. – Houston Heights Historic District South (Alteration–Addition)
Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-24 based on criteria 1, 4 and 9. Motion carried with Commissioner Archer and Commissioner Hellyer opposing.

25. 1201 Rutland St. – Houston Heights Historic District West (New Construction–Residence *Resubmittal*)
Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Bucek to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-25 with the conditions the max ridge height of the hip roof does not exceed 33', achieved by a reduction in roof pitch, plate height, foundation height, width, or a combination thereof and the porch stairs be wood or composite decking instead of brick. Motion carried with Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan opposing.
Speakers: Michael Bastian, owner and Timothy Kirwin – supportive.

26. 1205 Rutland St. – Houston Heights Historic District West (New Construction–Residence *Revision*)
Motion made by Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan, seconded by Commissioner Mod to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-26. Motion carried with Commissioner Hellyer opposing.
Speakers: Michael Bastian, owner and Timothy Kirwin – supportive.

27. 1207 Rutland St. – Houston Heights Historic District West (New Construction–Residence *Revision*)
Motion was made by Commissioner Hellyer, seconded by Commissioner Bucek, to partially grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-27 as follows: Denial of the roof pitch and ridge height revisions to the residence; Approval of the residence front door and porch column revisions and Approval of the detached garage roof pitch and ridge height revisions. Motion carried with Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan opposing.
Speakers: Michael Bastian, owner and Timothy Kirwin – supportive.

C. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR THE ALLEY THEATRE AT 615 TEXAS AVENUE:

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing. There were no speakers.

Motion made by Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan, seconded by Commissioner Archer that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Protected Landmark Designation of the Alley Theatre at 615 Texas Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE HAHC:

Bill Riley asked questions regarding his upcoming project on an existing house that looks like it had an original Queen Anne roof with a rounded front but there was a fire and the roof was damaged back in the thirties or forties and it was replaced with a craftsman style roof. He asked if it would be possible to change the roof back to the Queen Anne style if it is historically protected.

Michael Bastian stressed the importance of defining 'typical' within the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

Commissioner Garcia-Herreros announced on October 18, the Houston Museum of Natural Science is having an Archaeology Day and is encouraging people to attend.

Commissioner Mod mentioned all the discussion they had today about the criteria for new construction she finds the language to be very clear and other people find it to be very vague and she is hoping the upcoming revision meetings will be productive and address it.

Director Walsh said that he and staff have also noted there is a degree of interpretably to the ordinance and believes the creation of the design guidelines especially for the Heights is in the best interest of the Historic Preservation program for this city. He mentioned that the ordinance update needs to come first and that will create the foundation and soon thereafter design guidelines are in the best interest for the city and especially for the Heights.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business brought before the commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Archer to adjourn the meeting 5:22 p.m.

Maverick Welsh
Chair

Patrick Walsh
Executive Secretary