

# MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Thursday, March 27, 2014  
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 3:03 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	
Debra Blacklock-Sloan	A	
David Bucek	P	
Romulo Tim Cisneros	A	
Ann Collum	P	
John Cosgrove	A	
Douglas Elliott	P	
Jorge Garcia-Herrerros	P	
Rob D. Hellyer	P	Left at 4:21 p.m.
Paul Homeyer	P	
Anna Mod	P	Left at 4:37 p.m.
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, the process of making a motion, refrainment of audible displays of approval/disapproval and the use of a small intermission during the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission to assist with the efficiency of the meeting and the production for HTV.

Also, David Robinson, Council Member at Large, Precinct 2, made an announcement that he was enthusiastic about his appointment and commended the Houston Archaeological and Historic Commission and Planning Commission for the time and dedication they volunteer for the benefit of the City of Houston. Council Member Robinson also stated that he is a part of The Quality of Life committee that has purview over very vital departments with the City of Houston including the Planning and Development Department.

Commissioner Mod gave a report on the subcommittee meetings that were held with Commissioner Bucek and Commissioner Elliott. The purpose of the subcommittee is to analyze the Certificate of Appropriateness recommendation process and streamline and improve customer service to ensure its efficiency. The updated procedures will not allow new information to be presented or deliberated at the Commission meetings, will require the applicant to confirm that deed restriction guidelines are not being violated on the application, will move the submission deadline up one week to give staff enough time to make recommendations to the HAHC Commission and applicants, and that the application should more boldly state that applicants should have pre-submission meetings with staff. The commission would like some input from staff in regards to the creation of the consent agenda such as recommending 'approval

with some discussion' so that the Commission knows to take that item out of the consent agenda. The Commission may also issue policy papers to make the process more efficient.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Director's report was given by Director, Patrick Walsh. Mr. Walsh announced that the possible application for designation of the Astrodome as a Historic Landmark prepared by the planning staff will be abandoned. The Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission directed staff to begin the creation of an application to designate the Astrodome as a City Historic Landmark. The City's legal department reviewed the legality of landmarking the Astrodome and if this restriction were adopted, any action taken would be unenforceable and contrary to state law.

Commissioner Garcia-Herreros responded that he understands the legality issues of Landmarking the Astrodome but expressed his concern in preserving the history of Houston. He also stated that he conducted a survey to find an identifiable factor associated with Houston and the results largely suggested that the Astrodome was one identifiable factor.

Commissioner Elliott stated that the City attorney may have taken a narrow view of the purpose of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission's ordinance. The Commission's purpose is not to interfere with any regulations or laws created by the City of Houston, but to preserve its historical character.

Commissioner Mod expressed that she thought that is was short-sighted and that the designation could improve the possibility of redevelopment.

#### **MAYOR'S CULTURAL LIAISON REPORT**

None.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2014 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Collum, to approve the February 13, 2014 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **I. MONTHLY PRESERVATION TOPIC:**

The monthly preservation topic was given by Linda Gorski and Louis Aulbach from the Houston Archaeological Society about Camp Logan at Memorial Park.

#### **II. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS:**

**Commissioner Bucek recused and left the room.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hellyer, seconded by Commissioner Mod to consider agenda items II-a, II-b, II-d, II-j, II-k, II-l, II-m, II-n, II-o, II-p, II-q, II-r, II-s II-v, II-w, II-x, II-y, II-ii, and II-jj together at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

- a. 212 Dallas St. – PLM / Kellum-Noble Houston - Alteration-ADA Ramp
- b. 3701 Audubon Pl. – Audubon Place Historic District– Alteration-Garage *Noncontributing*
- d. 811 Branard St. rear – Houston Heights Historic District East – Alteration-*Windows Noncontributing*
- j. 401 Emerson St. – Westmoreland Historic District – New Construction-Accessory Bldg.
- k. 1133 Key St. – Norhill Historic District – Demolition-Garage
- l. 1133 Key St. - Norhill Historic District – New Construction-Garage
- m. 815 W Melwood St. – Norhill Historic District – Alteration-Addition
- n. 1124 Jerome St. – Norhill Historic District -- Alteration-Addition *Noncontributing*
- o. 4621 Pineridge St. – Norhill Historic District – Demolition-Garage
- p. 4621 Pineridge St. – Norhill Historic District – New Construction-Garage

- q. 814 Woodland St. – Woodland Heights Historic District – Alteration-Porch *Noncontributing*
- r. 3302 Beauchamp St. – Woodland Heights Historic District South – Alteration-Addition *Renewal*
- s. 622 Columbia St. – Houston Heights Historic District South – Alteration-Addition *Noncontributing*
- v. 405 E 5<sup>th</sup> St. – Houston Heights Historic District South – Alteration-Addition
- w. 933 Columbia St. – Houston Heights Historic District South – Alteration-Garage
- x. 1225 Cortlandt St. – Houston Heights Historic District East – Alteration-Addition
- y. 1525 Cortlandt St. – Houston Heights Historic District East – New Construction-Carport
- ii. 1131 Tulane St. – Houston Heights Historic District West – Alteration-Addition
- jj. 201 W 16<sup>th</sup> St. – Houston Heights Historic District West – New Construction-Garage

Motion made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Homeyer, to grant Certificates of Appropriateness. Motion carried unanimously.

**Commissioner Bucek returned.**

**c. 811 Branard St – First Montrose Commons (Alteration-Siding/Windows *Resubmittal*)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner Mod, to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for siding replacement and deny the replacement of the windows for item II-c. Motion carried with Commissioner Collum and Commissioner Hellyer opposing and Commissioner Homeyer abstaining.

Speakers: Jeff Stanifer, owner/applicant – supportive.

**e. 8102 Glen Valley Dr. – Glenbrook Valley Historic District (Alteration-Siding/Windows)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Homeyer to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness with the conditions that the divided lite configuration of the replacement windows match the original divided lite configuration of each original window being replaced for item II-e. Motion carried unanimously.

**f. 312 Main St. – Main Street Market Square Historic District (Alteration-Storefront)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Homeyer to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item II-f. Motion carried with Commissioner Hellyer abstaining. Speaker: Gin Braverman, applicant -supportive.

**g. 1808 State St. – Old Sixth Ward Historic District (Alteration-Siding/Windows)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Herrerros to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item II-g. Motion carried unanimously.

**h. 1810 State St. – Old Sixth Ward Historic District (Alteration-Siding/Windows)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Archer, seconded by Commissioner Mod to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item II-h. Motion carried with Commissioner Hellyer opposing.

**i. 1705-1707 Crockett St. – High First Ward (Pending Historic District) (New Construction-Six Townhouses)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Homeyer, seconded by Commissioner Hellyer to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item II-i. Motion carried with Commissioner Mod and Commissioner Stava opposing and Commissioner Garcia-Herrerros abstaining

Speakers: Robert Stahlman III owner/applicant–supportive.

**t. 715 Harvard St. – Houston Heights Historic District South (New Construction-Residence/Garage)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Mod, to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item II-t with the conditions that the applicant removes their proposed shutters and use 1-over-1 windows instead of 4-over-1. Motion carried with Commissioner Collum, Commissioner Archer, Commissioner Elliott and Commissioner Hellyer opposing. Chair Maverick Welsh breaks the tie for approval with conditions.

Speaker: Johnathan Stewart, owner and Jeremy McFarland – supportive.

**u. 732 Columbia St. – Houston Heights Historic District South (Alteration-Addition Noncontributing)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Elliott to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item II-u with the conditions that the applicant subtract the faux wood panels on the front elevation of the addition and use horizontal lap cementitious siding instead of brick and stucco. Motion carried with Commissioner Archer and Commissioner Hellyer opposing and Commissioner Stava and Commissioner Garcia-Herreros abstaining.

Speakers: Sam Gianukos, applicant, Kathy Kyrish and Duane Kyrish owner-supportive.

**z. 1815 Cortlandt St. – Houston Heights Historic District East (Relocation-Residence Deferral)**

Motion made by Commissioner Archer, seconded by Commissioner Collum to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item II-z. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Jeremy McFarland, applicant – supportive.

**aa. 1817 Cortlandt St. – Houston Heights Historic District East (Alteration-Addition)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Stava to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item II-aa. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Jeremy McFarland, applicant and Jeannine Nuzzi - supportive.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Hellyer to grant a 10 minute recess with Commissioner Garcia-Herreros abstaining.**

**bb. 1820 Heights Blvd. – Houston Heights Historic District East (New Construction-Residence/Carport)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Collum to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item II-bb. Motion carried unanimously.

**cc. 1300 Harvard St. – Houston Heights Historic District East (Alteration-Addition Resubmittal)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Stava, seconded by Commissioner Hellyer to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item II-cc. Motion carried with Commissioner Bucek, Garcia-Herreros and Commissioner Elliott opposing.

**dd. 1300 Cortlandt St. – Houston Heights Historic District East (Alteration-Windows/Siding)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Archer, seconded by Commissioner Hellyer to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item II-dd. Motion carried with Commissioner Stava abstaining.

Speaker: Jeremy McFarland applicant-supportive

**ee. 1215 Rutland St. – Houston Heights Historic District West (New Construction-Residence/Garage (Two single family houses))**

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Hellyer to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item II-ee Property C. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Archer to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item II-ee Property B. Motion carried unanimously.

Speakers: Sam Gianukos, applicant, Theresa Vandiver, **ff. 1301 Ashland St. – Houston Heights**

**Historic District West (New Construction-Residence)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hellyer, seconded by Commissioner Archer to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item II-ff. Motion carried with Commissioner Collum and Commissioner Stava abstaining.

Speakers: Jeremy McFarland–supportive.

**gg. 1324 Ashland St. – Houston Heights Historic District West (New Construction-Garage)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Archer, seconded by Commissioner Collum to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item II-gg. Motion carried unanimously.

Speakers: Jordan Fairchild applicant and Jane West–supportive.

**hh. 1248 Ashland – Houston Heights Historic District West (Alteration-Addition Resubmittal)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Stava to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item II-hh. Motion carried with Commissioner Archer and Commissioner Elliott opposed.

Speakers: Adam Wells, applicant-supportive.

**III. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR THE HERMANN BUILDING AT 204 TRAVIS STREET:**

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


Motion made by Commissioner Archer, seconded by Commissioner Stava that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Protected Landmark Designation of the Hermann Building at 204 Travis Street. Motion carried unanimously

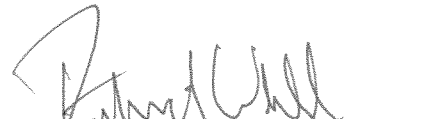
**IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE HAHC:**

None.

**V. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business brought before the commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Archer, seconded by Commissioner Collum to adjourn the meeting 6:12 p.m.

  
Maverick Welsh  
Chair

  
Patrick Walsh  
Executive Secretary