

# MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Thursday, May 21, 2015  
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.

Eddie Archer	P
David Bucek	P
Romulo Tim Cisneros	P Arrived at 3:32 pm during agenda Item #5
Ann Collum	A
John Cosgrove	P
Douglas Elliott	A
Jorge Garcia-Herreros	A
Rob D. Hellyer	P
Kerry L. Goelzer	P
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 operating procedures and Speaker Rules for the audience. Also, mentioned applications are due 22 days in advance of the monthly HAHC meeting. The HAHC will not accept new material including handouts or revised plans at today's meeting. Submitting new documents at the meeting may cause your application to be deferred another month. 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.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's report was given by Deputy Director, Margaret Wallace Brown. Mrs. Wallace Brown announced the Director sends his apologies for not being at the meeting today due to being out of the country.

## 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 announced the Mayor has selected three Historic Preservationist to honor this year, a group and two individuals. They will be recognized on June 9, at the City Council Meeting starting at 1:30 pm. The three honorees are College Park Memorial Cemetery, Mr. John Pfister and Mr. George Clogston.

## APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 23, 2015 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Goelzer, to approve the April 23, 2015 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission meeting minutes. Motion carried with Commissioner Archer and Commissioner Hellyer abstaining.

### A. MONTHLY PRESERVATION TOPIC:

None

### B. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS:

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Mod to consider agenda items B-2, B-3, B-4, B-6, B-7, B-9, B-10, B-11, B-12, B-13, B-14, B-15, B-16, B-17, B-19, B-20 and B-24 together at this time.

Speaker: Kent Marsh requested that B-16 to be removed from the items taken together, so he can speak about the columns.

Amended motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Mod to consider agenda items B-2, B-3, B-4, B-6, B-7, B-9, B-10, B-11, B-12, B-13, B-14, B-15, B-17, B-19, B-20 and B-24 together at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **810 Sampson – LM / Waddell's Housefurnishing Co. Bldgs. – Demolition–Commercial Bldg.**
3. **3709 LaBranch St. – LM / Gulf Filling Station – Alteration–Addition/Windows/Doors**
4. **2201 Lawrence St. – LM / Oriental Textile Mill – Alteration–Sign**
6. **1748 North Blvd. – Boulevard Oaks Historic District – New Construction–Residence**
7. **1636 South Blvd. – Boulevard Oaks Historic District – Alteration–Carport/Gate *Revision***
9. **500 Fannin St. – Main Street Market Square Historic District – Alteration–Storefront**
10. **410 Main St. – Main Street Market Square Historic District – Alteration–Sign**
11. **1038 Walling St. – Norhill Historic District – Alteration–Addition/Porch *Noncontrib Revision***
12. **1035 E 14<sup>th</sup> St. – Norhill Historic District – Alteration–Porch**
13. **605 White St. – Old Sixth Ward Historic District – Alteration–Addition**
14. **1122 Arlington St. – Houston Heights East Historic District – New Construction–Garage**
15. **1330 Cortlandt St. – Houston Heights East Historic District – New Construction–Solar Panels *Revision***
17. **1812 Harvard St. – Houston Heights East Historic District – Alteration–Addition *Noncontrib***
19. **1512 Allston St. – Houston Heights West Historic District – New Construction–Solar Panels *Revision***
20. **302 W. 13<sup>th</sup> St. – Houston Heights West Historic District – Alteration–Addition**
24. **825 Arlington St. – Houston Heights South Historic District – Alteration–Addition**

Motion made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Archer, to grant Certificates of Appropriateness. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Goelzer commended the applicant that submitted B-12, 1035 E 14th St. for coming forward with a small project and going in the right direction.

#### 1. **810 Sampson – LM / Waddell's Housefurnishing Co. Bldgs. (Alteration–Windows/Doors/Storefront) *Revision***

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Stava to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-1. Motion carried with Commissioner Archer, Commissioner Cosgrove and Commissioner Hellyer opposing.

Speaker: Greg Harper, representing applicant – supportive.

#### 5. **705 Marshall St. – Audubon Place Historic District (Alteration–Door) *Noncontributing***

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Bucek to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness with the following conditions: the existing non-original door and side lites be replaced

with a single 6-lite wood paneled entry door with single lite side lites for item B-5. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. 7618 Glenvista St. – Glenbrook Valley Historic District (Alteration–Windows) *Noncontributing***  
Motion was made by Commissioner Hellyer, seconded by Commissioner Archer to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-8. Motion carried with Commissioner Mod and Commissioner Stava opposing.

**16. 1330 Cortlandt St. – Houston Heights East Historic District (Alteration–Porch/Solar Panels) *Revision***

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Goelzer to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-16. Motion carried unanimously.

Speakers: Kent Marsh – opposed to the columns.

**18. 1213 Harvard St. – Houston Heights East Historic District (Alteration–Windows) *Revision***

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Archer to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness without conditions for item B-18. Motion carried with Commissioner Bucek and Commissioner Stava opposing.

Speaker: Nick Eronko, applicant – supportive.

**21. 641 Heights Blvd. – Houston Heights South Historic District (Alteration–Addition) *Revision***

Motion was made by Commissioner Hellyer, seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for the remediation of the inappropriate removal of historic material for item B-21.

Motion carried with Commissioner Goelzer opposing and Commissioner Bucek abstaining.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Archer to take agenda items 22 & 23 together at this time. Motion carried unanimously**

**22. 642 Heights Blvd. – Houston Heights South Historic District (Alteration–Addition) *Revision***

**23. 638 Heights Blvd. – Houston Heights South Historic District (Alteration–Addition) *Revision***

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Archer to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for the remediation of the inappropriate removal of historic material for item B-22 and B-23. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Gabriel Salazar, applicant - supportive.

**25. 321 Heights Blvd. – Houston Heights South Historic District (New Construction–Residence/Garage)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Stava to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-25. Motion carried with Commissioner Cisneros opposing and Commissioner Hellyer abstaining.

Speaker: John Tsai, applicant – supportive.

**26. 747 Arlington St. – Houston Heights South Historic District (Alteration–Addition/Porch/Door/Windows)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Stava to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-26. Motion carried with Commissioner Cisneros and Commissioner Hellyer opposing.

Speakers: Karen Brasier, applicant and Kelly and Ed Duckworth, owners – supportive.

### **C. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR THE JUDGE AND MRS. J.A. PLATT HOUSE AT 3311 DEL MONTE DRIVE:**

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing.

Motion made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Archer that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Landmark Designation of the Judge and Mrs. J.A. Platt House at 3311 Del Monte Drive. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: David Bush – supportive.

**D. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR:**

**1. S.I. Morris House at 2 Waverly Court**

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing.

Motion made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Mod that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Protected Landmark Designation of the S.I. Morris House at 2 Waverly Court. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: David Bush, applicant – supportive.

**2. Heights Theater at 339 W. 19<sup>th</sup> Street**

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing.

Motion made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Mod that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Protected Landmark Designation of the Heights Theater at 339 W. 19<sup>th</sup> Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Speakers: Devan Robinson, Bart Truxillo and Gus Kopriva, owner - supportive.

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

Kent Marsh spoke about an issue with the process that needs to be addressed. He suggested that signs should not be removed from the property once the Historic Commission denies the certificate of appropriateness, especially if an appeal is being presented to the Planning Commission. The sign should be present through the appeal process as well, so the neighborhood will know the application is still being considered.

Commissioner Mod commended the 1748 North Blvd. project she thought the design was very appropriate and very well done. Also, asked to be given a report when designations are passed by City Council.

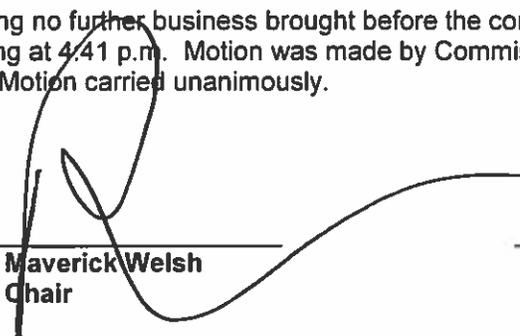
Commissioner Hellyer commended the owner for the Heights Theatre for being such a great caretaker all these years and making sure the crucial piece of 19<sup>th</sup> street will maintain for generations too come. Also, mentioned the Heritage Society has a monthly program series that takes place every month the same days the Historic Commission meets. The program today starts at 6:00 o'clock and is taking place at the Esperson Building if anyone is interested.

Commissioner Cosgrove asked for an update on any appeals that went before the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Goelzer mentioned she went to the NUSA conference and the first session she attended "Creating Community Engagement With Non Cash Resources" was given by the Executive Director for the Independence Heights Coalition. One of the items highlighted in the session was the Designation of the Starkweather Historic District and she thought it would be great presentation to hear at the Commission meeting.

**F. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business brought before the commission, Chair, Mr. Maverick Welsh, adjourned the meeting at 4:41 p.m. Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove and seconded by Commissioner Goelzer. Motion carried unanimously.

  
Maverick Welsh  
Chair

  
Margaret Wallace Brown  
Executive Secretary