

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

**Thursday, September 24, 2015
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 3:05 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
David Bucek	P
Romulo Tim Cisneros	A
Ann Collum	P
John Cosgrove	P
Douglas Elliott	P
Jorge Garcia-Herreros	P
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 went over the operating procedures and Speakers 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. The meeting was airing live on HTV and asked everyone to speak into the microphone so they could be heard. He 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 Director, Patrick Walsh. Mr. Walsh announced Plan Houston, the city's first general plan is before City Council and expects City Council to vote on Plan Houston September 30. City Council approved the Protected Landmark designation for the Alley Theatre, the Cullen Clinic and the East End State Bank Building. They also approved Landmark designations for the Hulsey-Davis House and the T.J. Donoghue House. The Planning Commission heard an appeal of the HAHC decision on a demolition for 1932 South Boulevard in the Boulevard Oaks Historic District and voted to uphold the decision of the HAHC. Houston was selected as the host city for the National Trust for Historic Preservation's PastForward Conference for November 15 – 18, 2016.

MAYOR'S CULTURAL LIAISON REPORT

The Mayor's Cultural Liaison report was given by Minnette Boesel, the Mayor's Assistant for Cultural Affairs. Ms. Boesel also mentioned about the National Trust for Historic Preservation conference coming to Houston it is also the 50 anniversary of the passage of the National Historic Preservation Act. It is very symbolic that they picked Houston as a forward thinking city. The Cultural Affairs Office in collaboration with the Library is going to have an exhibition on the National Women's Conference that was held in Houston in 1977. Per the Mayor's request a plaque will be placed on the Hobby Center since the event took place at the old Music Hall and on November 12 the plaque will be unveiled at the Julia Ideson Library.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 22, 2015 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Stava, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Herreros, to approve the July 22, 2015 minutes of Special Hearing on the Ordinance Amendments. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 27, 2015 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Goelzer, to approve the August 27, 2015 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mod recused herself and left the room.

A. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS:

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Collum to consider agenda items A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, A-5, A-7, A-8, A-11, A-12, A-13, A-15, A-16, A-17, A-18, A-19, A-20, and A-23 together at this time.

- 1. 820 Fannin St. - Alteration-Storefront/Sign/Canopy - LM / Stowers Bldg**
- 2. 909 Texas Ave. - Alteration-Sign - LM / Rice Hotel**
- 3. 412 Main St. - Alteration-Cornice - Main Street Market Square Historic District**
- 4. 1811 Shearn St. - Alteration-Addition/Porch *Deferral* - High First Ward Historic District**
- 5. 4609 Michaux St. - Alteration-Garage *Noncontributing* - Norhill Historic District**
- 7. 1040 Key St. - Alteration-Porch/Windows/Door - Norhill Historic District**
- 8. 1040 Key St. - Alteration-Garage *Noncontributing* - Norhill Historic District**
- 11. 3119 Morrison St. - Alteration-Addition - Woodland Heights Historic District**
- 12. 1426 Harvard St. - Alteration-Addition/Windows/Doors - Houston Heights East Historic District**
- 13. 1515 Columbia St. - Alteration-Addition/Siding/Windows/Door - Houston Heights East Historic District**
- 15. 734 Arlington St. - Alteration-Addition *Revision* - Houston Heights South Historic District**
- 16. 849 Harvard St. F - Alteration-Siding *Noncontributing* - Houston Heights South Historic District**
- 17. 620 Columbia St. - Alteration-Addition *Revision* - Houston Heights South Historic District**
- 18. 711 Heights Blvd. - Alteration-ADA Ramp/Windows - Houston Heights South Historic District**
- 19. 711 Heights Blvd. - New Construction-Accessory Bldg. - Houston Heights South Historic District**
- 20. 717 Columbia St. - Alteration-Addition - Houston Heights South Historic District**
- 23. 1507 Ashland St. - Alteration-Addition *Revision* - Houston Heights West Historic District**

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

Commissioner Mod returned.

- 6. 1031 Le Green St. - Alteration-Windows *Resubmittal* - Norhill Historic District**
Withdrawn

9. 4010 Pineridge St. - Alteration-Addition - Norhill Historic District

Motion was made by Commissioner Hellyer, seconded by Commissioner Archer to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-9. Motion carried with Commissioner Bucek, Garcia-Herreros, Goelzer, Mod and Stava opposing. Chair Maverick Welsh breaks the tie vote for approval.

Speakers: Viola Torgerson, owner - supportive.

10. 2616 Stanford St. - New Construction- Duplex - Avondale West Historic District

Withdrawn

14. 210 E 16th St. - Alteration-Front Door - Houston Heights East Historic District

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Herreros to grant the Certificate Appropriateness for item A-14 with conditions that the applicant replace the door with a door similar to the front door in the historic photo to be reviewed and approved by staff; install new lattice around the foundation between the piers and to replace the porch decking. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Kursten Robinson, owner – supportive.

21. 1205 Rutland St. - New Construction-Residence/Garage - Houston Heights West Historic District

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Mod to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-21. Motion carried with Commissioner Hellyer abstaining.

Speakers: Thomas Springer, owner and Jeremy McFarland, applicant – supportive.

22. 1240 Yale St. - Alteration-Windows/Doors (Church) - Houston Heights West Historic District

Motion was made by Commissioner Hellyer, seconded by Commissioner Mod to grant the Certificate Appropriateness for item A-22. Motion carried unanimously.

B. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 33, ARTICLE 7, CITY OF HOUSTON CODE OF ORDINANCE):

Proposed amendments were presented by Margaret Wallace Brown, Deputy Director, Planning and Development Department

Motion was made by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner Bucek to update the language for the appeals process as follows: to create a separate appeals board and to expand the pool of potential appeals board members. Motion carried with Commissioner Hellyer opposing and Commissioner Archer abstaining.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hellyer, seconded by Commissioner Archer to modify the language in Sec. 238 to require only those plans that are necessary for the commission to make an informed decision. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Archer, seconded by Commissioner Elliott to forward to City Council for approval the proposed amendments to the Historic Preservation Ordinance with the two changes as recommended above. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Jane Cahill West

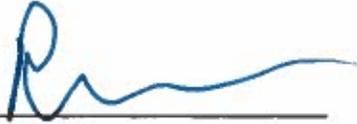
C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE HAHC:

Commissioner Garcia-Herreros announced next month is Archaeological awareness month and several events will be happening in Houston. On October 18 the Houston Museum of Natural Science will have archaeological day and the Texas Archeological Society annual meeting will be held October 23 – 25.

Commissioner Hellyer announced the Heritage Society SIP series will be held at the Mayor's house next month.

D. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business brought before the commission, Chair, Mr. Maverick Welsh, adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m. Motion was made by Commissioner Collum and seconded by Commissioner Archer. Motion carried unanimously.



Maverick Welsh
Chair



Patrick Walsh
Executive Secretary