

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

Meeting to be held at the City Hall Annex, City Council Chambers, Public Level

900 Bagby Street, Houston, Texas

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 3:08 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	A
David Bucek	P
Romulo Tim Cisneros	A
Ann Collum	P
John Cosgrove	P
Brie Kelman	A
Jorge Garcia-Herreros	P
Rob D. Hellyer	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. He 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 public outreach efforts related to the creation of the Houston Heights Historic Districts Design Guidelines is expected to continue throughout 2016 and conclude in early 2017. Mr. Walsh stated citizens can go to houstonplanning.com and under "Announcements" there is a link to the webpage where citizens can get information and join an email list to keep up with the progress. Mr. Walsh reported the next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2016, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 1819 Heights Boulevard at 5:30 p.m. Also, mentioned was City Council's approval of two protected landmarks and five historic landmarks designations.

MAYOR'S CULTURAL LIAISON REPORT

Debbie McNulty, the new Director of the Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs introduced herself to the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2015 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove, to approve the November 19, 2015 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mod recused herself.

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-6, A-8, A-9, A-11 and A-15 together at this time.

1. 2015-B W Gray St. - Alteration-Sign - LM / River Oaks Shopping Center
2. 2019 W Gray St. - Alteration-Sign/Door - LM / River Oaks Shopping Center
3. 1111 Rusk St - Alteration-Sign - LM / Texas Company Building
4. 402 Main St - Alteration-Sign/Door - Main Street Market Square Historic District
6. 1626 North Blvd - New Construction-Garage - Boulevard Oaks Historic District
8. 1201 Arlington St - Demolition-Garage - Houston Heights East Historic District
9. 1515 Cortlandt St - Alteration-Addition - Houston Heights East Historic District
11. 102 W 11th St - Alteration-Sign/Storefront *Noncontrib* - Houston Heights East Historic District
15. 513 Euclid St - Alteration-Addition - Woodland Heights Historic District

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

Commissioner Mod returned.

**5. 1010 Prairie Street - Alteration-Sign - Main Street Market Square Historic District
Withdrawn**

7. 5003 Mandell St - Alteration-Windows - Boulevard Oaks Historic District

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Jorge Garcia-Herreros to partially approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-7 as follows: Approve replacing the damaged lower sash in window 4. Deny replacing the remaining window fabric on window 4 and all of window 5. Motion carried with Hellyer and Cosgrove opposing.

Speaker: Stephanie Reynolds, owner/applicant – supportive

10. 104-112 W 12th St - Alteration-Storefront *Revision* - Houston Heights East Historic District

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Mod to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-10 with a condition that the bottom panels of the storefront systems on the north and south elevations be opaque and not transparent glass. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Gary Chandler, applicant – supportive

12. 1418 Ashland St - Alteration-Addition *Resubmittal* - Houston Heights West Historic District

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Stava to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-12. Motion carried unanimously.

Speakers: Jeremy McFarland, applicant and Jerry Sinitiere, owner – supportive.

13. 400 Westmoreland St - Alteration-Siding/Windows *Noncontrib* – Westmoreland Historic District

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Mod to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-13 for one month. Motion carried with Commissioner Hellyer opposing.

Speakers: Rainey Richardson, designer and Chris Bran, owner/applicant – supportive.

14. 715 Bayland Ave - Alteration-Porch - Woodland Heights Historic District

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Stava to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-14. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Belinda King, owner – supportive.

16. 424 Euclid St - Alteration-Addition - Woodland Heights Historic District

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Collum to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-16. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Karen Braiser, applicant – supportive.

B. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR STANLEY C. WOODS HOUSE AT 3330 CHEVY CHASE DRIVE.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Herreros that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Landmark Designation of the Stanley C. Woods House at 3330 Chevy Chase Drive. Motion carried unanimously.

C. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR THE W.P. MULCAHY HOUSE AT 1046 HARVARD STREET.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Protected Landmark Designation of the W.P. Mulcahy House at 1046 Harvard Street. Motion carried unanimously.

D. CONSIDERATION OF A SIGNIFICANT HISTORIC STRUCTURE TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION FOR 308 MAIN ST, A CITY OF HOUSTON PROTECTED LANDMARK.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Significant Historic Structure Tax Exemption for 308 Main St, A City Of Houston Protected Landmark. Motion carried unanimously.

E. CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE 2016 HAHC MEETING SCHEDULE

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Collum, to approve the Houston Archaeological and 2016 Historical Commission Meeting Schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

F. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE HAHC:


Jeremy McFarland stated his support of the creation of the Heights Design Guidelines. Mr. McFarland made a suggestion to define scale in the guidelines.

Bart Truxillo thanked the Commission for recommending to City Council the Significant Historic Structure Tax Exemption for 308 Main Street. Mr. Truxillo talked about the scope of work performed for the survey of the property.

Question was raised by Commissioner Hellyer on the big yellow Texas Auto Direct signage on Main Street, which was featured in the Houston Chronicle this month. Mr. Walsh stated it is an off-premise sign which is not allowed.

G. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business brought before the commission, Chair, Mr. Maverick Welsh, adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m. Motion was made by Commissioner Collum and seconded by Commissioner Mod. Motion carried unanimously.



Maverick Welsh
Chair



Patrick Walsh
Executive Secretary