

## **Minutes of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission**

(A CD/DVD of the full proceedings is on file in the Planning and Development Department)

**January 25, 2018**

Meeting held in  
Council Chambers, Public Level, City Hall Annex  
3:00 p.m.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel called the meeting to order at 3:02, with a quorum present.

Minnette Bickel Boesel, Chair

Emily Ardoin, Vice Chair

Eddie Archer Absent

David Bucek

Ann Collum

John Cosgrove

Jorge Garcia-Herreros

Ben Koush Arrived at 3:04 p.m. during Director's Report

Sue Lovell

Stephen McNiel Absent

Urmila Srinivasan

Charles Stava

### **EXOFFICIO MEMBERS**

Samantha Bruer, Architectural Archivist, Houston Metropolitan Research Center

Marta Crinejo, Mayor's Liaison

Beth Wiedower, National Trust for Historic Preservation

Margaret Wallace Brown, Deputy Director, Planning and Development

### **Executive Secretary**

Patrick Walsh, P.E., Director, Planning and Development

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chair, Minnette Bickel Boesel mentioned that Commissioner Koush is lecturing this evening about Arthur Jones, Architect.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Director's Report was given by Deputy Director, Margaret Wallace Brown. She reported that the Historic planning staff received 22 total Historic applications last month; 10 were administratively reviewed, and 12 are on today's Agenda. The 2017 numbers are as follows: 379 total applications, 157 administratively reviewed, and 222 heard by this Commission. Also, the Quality of Life committee presentation on the Heights Design Guidelines has been rescheduled for February 28 at 2 pm, in Council Chambers; and that amendments are being incorporated as approved in December. A carport brochure was distributed. Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan amendment applications are being accepted through March 2. Chair Boesel recognized Ms. Wallace-Brown's father's 95th birthday today.

## **APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2017 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION (HAHC) MEETING MINUTES**

Commission action: Approved the December 13, 2017 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission (HAHC) meeting minutes.

Motion: **Bucek**

Second: **Lovell**

Vote: **Unanimously**

Abstaining: **None**

### **A. 2017 ANNUAL REPORT**

A report was given by Staff regarding the 2017 Annual Report. (Lorelei Willett)

### **B. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR THE SOCIEDAD MUTUALISTA OBRERA MEXICANA BUILDING AT 5304 CANAL STREET**

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing.

Motion made by Commissioner Garcia-Herreros, seconded by Commissioner Lovell that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Protected Landmark Designation of the Sociedad Mutualista Obrera Mexicana Building at 5304 Canal Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker(s): Ms. Galves, applicant – supportive.

### **C. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS**

**Commissioner(s) Bucek and Stava recused themselves.**

Motion made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Collum, to consider agenda items C-1, C-3, C-4, C-5, C-6, C-7, C-9, C-10 and C-12 together. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **5219 S Braeswood Blvd. - Alteration-Siding/Windows/Doors - LM/Max & Helen Rosenbaum House**
3. **2006 Decatur St. - Restoration-Residence/Siding *Revision* - Old Sixth Ward**
4. **1435 Heights Blvd. - New Construction-Garage - Houston Heights East**
5. **1316 Harvard St. - Alteration-Chimney - Houston Heights East**
6. **1422 Heights Blvd. - Alteration-Siding/Windows *Revision* - Houston Heights East**
7. **521 W 13th St. - Alteration-Addition - Houston Heights West**
9. **1339 Rutland St. - Alteration-Addition - Houston Heights West**
10. **1037 Peddie St. - Alteration-Dormers - Norhill**
12. **214 Westmoreland St. - Alteration-Windows - Westmoreland**

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Lovell, to grant Certificates of Appropriateness for items C-1, C-3, C-4, C-5, C-6, C-7, C-9, C-10 and C-12. Motion carried unanimously.

**Commissioner(s) Bucek and Stava returned.**

#### **C-2. 2 Waverly Ct. - Alteration-Windows Deferral - PLM/S.I. Morris House**

Motion was made by Commissioner Koush, seconded by Commissioner Bucek, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-2. Motion carried with Commissioner Lovell and Commissioner Srinivasan opposing and Commissioner Collum abstaining.

Speaker: Jarrett Euzey, applicant – supportive.

**C-8 1208 Tulane St. - Alteration-Addition/Siding - Houston Heights West**

Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Ardoin, to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-8. Motion carried unanimously.

Speakers: Karen Brasier, applicant and Lenna Groudan, owner – supportive.

Council Member Robinson spoke about Houston 2020 visions.

**C-11 527 Frasier St. - Alteration-Siding - Freeland**

Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Bucek, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-11 and issue a certificate of remediation for the installation of new 117 wood siding. Motion carried with Commissioner Collum opposing.

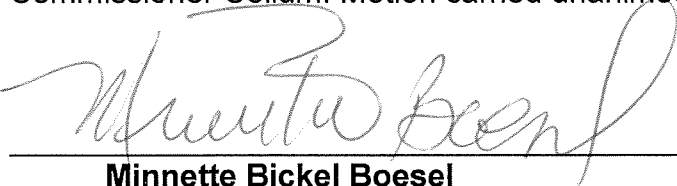
Speakers: Genevive Mathers, owner/applicant – supportive.

**D. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE HAHC**

Commissioner Lovell spoke about the Mayor's floodplain plan, and asked if it would affect the Design Guidelines. She also announced that an exhibit about Architect John Chase, "Chasing Perfection, is at the Julia Ideson Library and Gregory School African American Library. Commissioner Boesel announced the National Trust of Historic Preservation designation of the LULAC Council 60 clubhouse. Diana DuCroz announced that Amanda Barry is leaving the department.

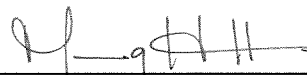
**E. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business brought before the Commission, Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel adjourned the meeting at 4:14 p.m. Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, and seconded by Commissioner Collum. Motion carried unanimously.



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**Minnette Bickel Boesel**  
Chair



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**Margaret Wallace Brown**  
Executive Secretary