Minutes of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Meeting held in Council Chambers, Public Level, City Hall Annex, with telephonic/video conference via Microsoft Teams https://bit.ly/3HVK8uE or 936-755-1521, conference ID 800 604 571#

2:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair David Bucek called the meeting to order at 2:38 p.m. with a roll call vote and a guorum present.

David Bucek, Chair Present

Beth Wiedower Jackson, Vice Chair Present virtually Ann Collum Present virtually

John Cosgrove Absent

Steven Curry Present virtually

Tanya Debose Present

Ashley Elizabeth Jones Present virtually

Ben Koush Present Stephen McNiel Present

Rhonda Sepulveda Present virtually at 3:09 p.m. during item A Urmila Srinivasan Present at 2:42 p.m. after Chair's Report

Charles Stava Present
Dominic Yap Present

Exofficio Members

Samantha Bruer, Architectural Archivist, Houston Metropolitan Research Center Marta Crinejo, Mayor's Liaison

Executive Secretary

Jennifer Ostlind, Deputy Director, Planning and Development – Present

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair David Bucek reported that Commissioner Srinivasan's last meeting is today, and thanked her.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jennifer Ostlind, Deputy Director, gave a report.

MAYOR'S LIAISON REPORT

Marta Crinejo reported that some City fees were recently lowered.

The Houston Archeological and Historic Commission reserved the right to convene an Executive Session on any item listed on this agenda as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Gov't Code Chapter 551, under any applicable exception, including but not limited to Sec. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT ORDINANCE

A1. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 33, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, ADDING A NEW ARTICLE XI, CONSERVATION DISTRICTS TO ALLOW FOR THE CREATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF SUCH DISTRICTS, SETTING FORTH STANDARDS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

A2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 33, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, ADDING A NEW ARTICLE XI, CONSERVATION DISTRICTS TO ALLOW FOR THE CREATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF SUCH DISTRICTS, SETTING FORTH STANDARDS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Report was given by Roman McAllen, Historic Preservation Officer.

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing.

Staff recommendation: Approve the item per staff report and forward to City Council. Commission action: Approved the item per staff report and forwarded to City Council, with additional conditions by HAHC to clarify the 51% criteria, and consider some implementation details and comments in the draft.

Motion by Commissioner Debose, seconded by Wiedower Jackson. Motion carried with 8 in support (Wiedower-Jackson, Collum, Curry, Debose, Jones, Sepulveda, Srinivasan, Stava) and 3 opposed (Koush, McNiel, Yap.)

Speakers: David Bush, Mary Ballard, Mary Fontenot, Stephen Longmire, Rev. Jerome C. Nickerson, Danny Asberry El, Pastor Jenkins, Laurie Flores, Rev. Jerome C. Nickerson, Mardie Paige - supportive, Suzy Hartgrove, Matthew Festa, Tomaro Bell, John Rentz, Melanie Miles, Donna Thomas, Charlene Jones, Mark Williamson, Thomas Brents, Veronica Pena – opposed; Matthew Camp, Lucas Frances – undecided; Abner Lyons, Damon Lucky - position not known.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Commission, Chair David Bucek adjourned the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

David Bucek
Chair

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Jennifer Ostlind
Executive Secretary