MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 14, 2007

Meeting Held at the
City Hall Annex
City Council Chambers
Public Level
900 Bagby Street
3:00 PM

An audio-tape of the full proceedings is on file at the Planning and Development Department

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by Madame Chair, Mrs. Betty Chapman, 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.

Betty Chapman, Madame Chair	P
Phoebe Tudor, Vice Chair	A
J. D. Bartell	P
Sharie Beale	P
Faye Bryant	P
Paul Fruge Jr.	P
Rafael Longoria	P
Dr. Roger G. Moore	P
C. K. Pang	A
Dr. Suraiya Saleem	P
Scott Slaney	A

APPROVAL OF THE February 14, 2006 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mr. Bartell, to approve the January 24, 2007, Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no report from the Chair

There was no Director's Report.

I. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS:

a. 924 W. Melwood Street – Norhill Historic District – (Alteration – rear addition)

Motion was made by Mrs. Bryant, seconded by Mrs. Beale, to accept staff's recommendation to approve item Ia. Motion carried unanimously.

b. 1111 E. 16th Street – Norhill Historic District – (Alteration - Garage)

Motion was made by Mr. Bartell, seconded by Dr. Saleem, to accept staff's recommendation to approve item Ib. Motion carried unanimously.

c. 2118 State Street – Norhill Historic District – (New construction - Residence)

Motion was made by Dr. Moore, seconded by Dr. Saleem, to accept staff's recommendation to approve item Ic with Mr. Bartell abstaining. Motion carried unanimously.

d. 907 Franklin Avenue – Main Street/Market Square Historic District – (Alteration – Sign

Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mr. Fruge, to accept staff's recommendation to approve item Id. Motion carried unanimously.

e. 508 Main Street – Main Street/Market Square Historic District – (Alteration – Storefront)

Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mr. Bartell, to accept staff's recommendation to defer item Ie. Motion carried unanimously.

II. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF LANDMARK AND PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATIONS INITIATED BY THE OWNER FOR:

a. OPENSHAW-HUTTON HOUSE AT 1920 KANE STREET

Madame Chair opened the public hearing and closed the public hearing as there were no speakers to this item.

Motion was made by Mr. Bartell, seconded by Mrs. Bryant, to accept staff's recommendation that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend landmark and protected landmark designation to the Houston Planning Commission for item IIa. Motion carried unanimously.

b. STYLE IN STEEL TOWNHOUSES AT 4156, 4158 AND 4160 MEYERWOOD DRIVE

Madame Chair opened the public hearing and closed the public hearing after the following speakers to this item.

Speakers: Mike Lewter; Michael John Smith

Motion was made by Mrs. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Longoria, to accept staff's recommendation that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend landmark and protected landmark designation to the Houston Planning Commission for item IIb. Motion carried unanimously.

c. ALBERT W. LACKEY HOUSE AT 239 WESTHEIMER ROAD

Madame Chair opened the public hearing and closed the public hearing as there were no speakers to this item.

Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Dr. Saleem, to accept staff's recommendation that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend landmark and protected landmark designation to the Houston Planning Commission for item IIb. Motion carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION INITIATED BY THE OWNER FOR:

a. MILLER – TUNKS HOUSE AT 2117 CHILTON ROAD

Madame Chair opened the public hearing and closed the public hearing as there were no speakers to this item.

Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mr. Fruge, to accept staff's recommendation that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend landmark designation to the Houston Planning Commission for item IIIa. Motion carried unanimously.

b. GEORGE V. ROTAN HOUSE AT 2300 PINE VALLEY ROAD

Madame Chair opened the public hearing and closed the public hearing as there were no speakers to this item.

Motion was made by Dr. Saleem, seconded by Mrs. Beale, to accept staff's recommendation that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend landmark designation to the Houston Planning Commission for item IIIa. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

Madame Chair opened the public hearing and closed the public hearing as there were no speakers to this item.

Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mr. Bartell to recommend adoption of the amendments to the Historic Preservation Ordinance to Houston Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

V. LETTER FROM HAHC REGARDING THE POTENTIAL SALE OF LAND ALONG BUFFALO BAYOU AND ADJACENT TO SAN JACINTO BATTLEGROUND BY THE COASTAL WATER AUTHORITY.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bryant, seconded by Dr. Saleem to approve and send the letter drafted by Dr. Moore. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND HAHC

Marlene Gafrick announced that the Mayor had proposed an ordinance for the Old Sixth Ward Historic District (OSWHD) to provide that requests for demolition of historic buildings would not be subject to the certificate of appropriateness until September 1, 2007 which was adopted by city council. Also a consultant had been hired to draft design guidelines for the OSWHD and a meeting was planned with the neighborhood stakeholders regarding same. Within the framework of the OSW TIRZ, an ordinance or ordinance amendments would provide for a protected historic district designation only for the OSW.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the commission, Madame Chair, Mrs. Betty Chapman, adjourned the meeting after a motion was made and passed to adjourn at 4:20 p.m.

Betty Trapp Chapman
Madame Chair

Marlene L. Gafrick
Executive Secretary