

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

**Thursday, August 15, 2012  
Meeting Held at the City Hall Annex, Council Chamber, Public Level  
900 Bagby Street, Houston TX 77002  
3:00 PM**

**A CD of the full proceedings is on file  
in the Planning and Development Department**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Acting Vice Chair, Mr. Rob Hellyer, 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.

Phoebe Tudor, Chair	A
Debra Blacklock-Sloan	A
Venita Ray	A
Romulo Tim Cisneros	P
Ann Collum	P
Douglas Elliott	P
John Cosgrove	P
Rob D. Hellyer	P
Dr. William H. Kellar	P
Jorge Garcia-Herreros	A
Charles Stava	P
Maverick Welsh	A
David Bucek	P

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

There was no report from the Chairman.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Director's report was given by Marlene Gafrick, Director, Planning and Development. Mrs. Gafrick announced to the Commission that staff is working on providing up to date application forms with check lists for individuals doing an alteration to a Historic structure. The forms and check lists will be posted on the website so individuals will know what makes a complete application. This will also give the Historical Commission the best information available to make a decision.

**MAYOR'S CULTURAL LIAISON REPORT**

The Mayor's Cultural Liaison report was given by Minnette Boesel, the Mayor's Assistant for Cultural Affairs, who announced the City and the Fourth Ward Redevelopment Authority have started construction on the Bethel Baptist Church Park and the Mayor will be holding a press conference to announce the park construction on Friday August 24, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE JULY 12, 2012 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Motion was made by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Ms. Collum, to approve the July 12, 2012 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**I. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF HISTORIC DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR  
GERMANTOWN:**

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing after the speakers spoke.

Motion was made by Ms. Collum, seconded by Mr. Cisneros, to accept staff's recommendation that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to the Houston City Council the Historic District designation of the Germantown Historic District. Motion carried unanimously.

Speakers for item I: Kay Donahue, Jon Derry, and Myriam Marin – supportive; Barry Klein and Mary Hayslip - opposed.

## **II. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS:**

Motion was made by Mr. Cosgrove, seconded by Mr. Cisneros to take agenda items II-a, II-c, II-d, II-f, II-h, II-i, II-m, II-n, II-o, II-p, II-s, II-t, II-v, II-w, II-x, II-y, II-aa, II-cc, II-dd, II-ee, II-gg, II-hh, II-ii, II-jj and II-kk together as consent agenda items and address them at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

- a. **1135 Heights Blvd. – Houston Heights Historic District East (New Construction - Commercial)**
- c. **1609 Arlington Street – Houston Heights Historic District East (Alteration - Addition)**
- d. **1845 Harvard Street – Houston Heights Historic District East (Alteration - Addition)**
- f. **515 Cortlandt Street – Houston Heights Historic District South (New Construction - Garage)**
- h. **715 Pizer Street – Norhill Historic District (Alteration - Addition)**
- i. **932 Pizer Street – Norhill Historic District (Alteration - Windows)**
- m. **536 Granberry Street – Freeland Historic District (New Construction - Garage)**
- n. **1844 Harvard Street – Houston Heights Historic District East (Alteration - Siding/Trim)**
- o. **107 E 9<sup>th</sup> Street – Houston Heights Historic District South (Alteration - Siding/Trim)**
- p. **520 Columbia Street – Houston Heights Historic District South (Alteration - Addition)**
- s. **1139 W. Melwood – Norhill Historic District (Alteration - Addition)**
- t. **1811 State Street – Old Sixth Ward Historic District (New Construction - Residence)**
- v. **3416 Garrott – Westmorland Historic District (Alteration - Addition)**
- w. **404 Highland Street – Woodland Heights Historic District (Alteration - Porch)**
- x. **1636 South Blvd. – Boulevard Oaks Historic District (Alteration - Porte-cochere)**
- y. **8019 Colgate Street – Glenbrook Valley Historic District (Alteration - Siding/Trim)**
- aa. **1819 Columbia Street – Houston Heights Historic District East (New Construction - Carport)**
- cc. **1505 Rutland Street – Houston Heights Historic District West (Alteration - Garage)**
- dd. **931 W. Cottage Street – Norhill Historic District (New Construction - Residence)**
- ee. **931 W. Cottage Street – Norhill Historic District (New Construction - Garage)**
- gg. **1016 W. Cottage Street – Norhill Historic District (New Construction - Garage)**
- hh. **5 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Place – West Eleventh Place Historic District (New Construction - Residence)**
- ii. **4216 Washington Avenue – LM/ Loggins–Hughes Building (Alteration - Storefront)**
- jj. **1952 W. Gray Street – LM/ River Oaks Shopping Center (Alteration - Storefront)**
- kk. **1100 Bagby Street – PLM/ Sam Houston Park (Alteration - Relocate on Property)**

Commissioner Hellyer abstained and left the room and Commissioner Collum proceeded to Chair the meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Cosgrove, seconded by Dr. Kellar, to grant Certificates of Appropriateness to all consent items. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hellyer returned and proceeded to Chair the meeting.

The Commission returned to Agenda Item II-b at this time and proceeded with the remaining agenda items.

### **b. 1423 Oxfoed Street – Houston Heights Historic District East (Alteration - Windows)**

Motion was made by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Dr. Kellar, to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item II-b approving the window replacement with the condition to remove the closed soffits and return to the original rafter tails. Motion carried with Ms. Collum and Mr. Stava opposing.

Speakers – Belinda Acosta, owner and Kevin Bilodeau, applicant – supportive and Pete Stockton – Sr. Inspector, City of Houston Code Enforcement

**e. 515 Cortlandt Street – Houston Heights Historic District South (Alteration - Addition)**

Motion was made by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Ms. Collum to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item II-e. Motion carried unanimously.

Speakers – Matthew Camp, applicant – supportive; Pete Stockton – Sr. Inspector, City of Houston Code Enforcement.

**g. 528 Cortlandt Street – Houston Heights Historic District South (Alteration - Windows)**

Motion was made by Mr. Cisneros, seconded by Dr. Kellar to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item II-g. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker – Elizabeth Baxter, owner – supportive.

**j. 702 Woodland Street – Woodland Heights Historic District (Demolition - Residence)**

Motion was made by Dr. Kellar, seconded by Mr. Cisneros to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item II-j. Motion carried with Mr. Elliott abstaining.

Speakers – Sam Gianukos and Brent Reed, applicant and Vicky Bettis – supportive; Pete Stockton – Sr. Inspector, City of Houston Code Enforcement.

**k. 702 Woodland Street – Woodland Heights Historic District (New Construction - Residence)**

Motion was made by Mr. Cosgrove, seconded by Mr. Cisneros to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness until the next meeting for item II-k. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker – Sam Gianukos

**l. 3819 Olympia – LM/ John C. McEwen House (Demolition - Residence)**

Motion was made by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Ms. Collum to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item II-l. Motion carried unanimously.

**q. 1334 Ashland Street – Houston Heights Historic District West (Alteration - Addition)**

Motion was made by Mr. Cosgrove, seconded by Mr. Bucek to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item II-q with the condition to reduce the plate height to 9' on the second floor. Motion carried with Dr. Kellar and Mr Stava opposing.

Speakers – Phillip Strong, owner and Sam Gianukos, applicant – supportive

**r. 1529 Allston Street – Houston Heights Historic District West (Alteration - Windows)**

Motion was made by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Cisneros to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item II-r. Motion carried with Mr. Bucek and Mr. Stava opposing.

Speaker – Brian McCulley, applicant – supportive

**u. 2004 Decatur Street – Old Sixth Ward Historic District (New Construction - Garage)**

**Withdrawn**

**z. 1630 Cortlandt Street – Houston Heights Historic District East (Alteration - Addition)**

Motion was made by Dr. Kellar, seconded by Mr. Stava to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item II-z. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker – Emiliano Zazueta, applicant – supportive

**bb. 839 Harvard Street – Houston Heights Historic District South (Alteration - Addition)**

Motion was made by Mr. Cisneros, seconded by Ms. Collum to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item II-bb. Motion carried with Dr. Kellar opposing.

Speaker – Jeremy McFarland – supportive

**ff. 4620 Pineridge – Norhill Historic District (Alteration - Windows)**

Motion was made by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Cosgrove to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item II-ff. Motion carried with Mr. Stava opposing.

Speakers – Christine Gardiner, owner and Robert Birner, applicant – supportive; Pete Stockton – Sr. Inspector, City of Houston Code Enforcement

**III. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATIONS FOR:**

**a. James W. & Lella D. Cain House at 3015 Del Monte Drive**

Motion was made by Mr. Cosgrove, seconded by Ms. Collum that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Landmark Designation of the James W. & Lella D. Cain House at 3015 Del Monte Drive. Motion carried unanimously.

**b. Dow & Helen Hamm House at 3412 Piping Rock Lane**

Motion was made by Mr. Cosgrove, seconded by Mr. Cisneros that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Landmark Designation of the Dow & Helen Hamm House at 3412 Piping Rock Lane. Motion carried unanimously.

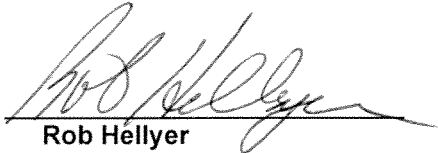
**IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Commission Elliott requested the department to post information on the website for the residents regarding what was discussed at the meetings and or frequently asked questions about the Germantown Historic District.

Speaker Barry Klein addressed the Commission on what kind of impact the Historic District has on TXDot plans.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business brought before the commission, Acting Vice Chair, Mr. Rob Hellyer, adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

  
**Rob Hellyer**  
Acting Vice Chair

  
**Marlene L. Gafrick**  
Executive Secretary