

## **Minutes of the Houston Historic Preservation Appeals Board (HPAB)**

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

**January 13, 2020**

Meeting held in  
Council Chambers, Public Level, City Hall Annex  
9:00 a.m.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair J.D. Bartell called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m., with a quorum present.

J.D. Bartell, Chair

Tanya Debose

Truman Edminster

Douglas Elliott Arrived at 9:10 a.m. during Approval of Minutes

### **EXOFFICIO MEMBERS**

Samantha Bruer, Archivist, Houston Metropolitan Research Center

Michael Kramer, Assistant Director, Planning and Development

### **Executive Secretary**

Margaret Wallace Brown, Director, Planning and Development

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

**NONE**

### **DIRECTORS REPORT**

The Director's Report was given by Margaret Wallace Brown, Director, Planning and Development Department.

### **APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 21, 2019 HISTORIC PRESERVATION APPEALS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Motion was made by Board Member Debose, seconded by Board Member Edminster, to approve the October 21, 2019 Historic Preservation Appeals Board meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

### **I. CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPEAL OF THE DECISION OF THE HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION ON JULY 18, 2019 FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR 605 COLUMBIA - HOUSTON HEIGHTS SOUTH HISTORIC DISTRICT.**

Staff recommendation: None. Presentation was given by Kareem Heshmat.

Board action: Reversed the decision of the Houston Archeological and Historical Commission (HAHC), and permit demolition for 605 Columbia - Houston Heights South Historic District.

Motion: **Edminster** Second: **Elliott** Vote: **Carried** Opposed: **Debose**  
Speakers: Shelly Immel, Applicant – supportive; Theo Lawrence, opposed; Pete Stockton, Houston Public Works.

## **II. CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPEAL OF THE DECISION OF THE HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION ON DECEMBER 18, 2019 FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR 717 HARVARD - HOUSTON HEIGHTS SOUTH HISTORIC DISTRICT.**

Staff recommendation: None. Presentation was given by Roman McAllen.

Board action: Upheld the decision of the Houston Archeological and Historical Commission (HAHC) for 717 Harvard - Houston Heights South Historic District.

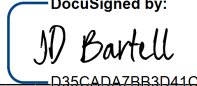
Motion: **Elliott** Second: **Debose** Vote: **Unanimous** Abstain: **None**  
Speakers: Mehul Patel, Applicant, Tom Hickman – supportive; Pete Stockton, Houston Public Works.

## **III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

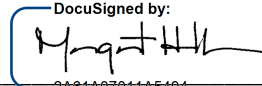
Chair Bartell commented that the level of information provided to the HPAB and to HAHC, and that demolitions are serious. He also stated that applicants should not contact Board Members or Commissioners directly. Board member Elliott stated that appraisals should consider the value of historic properties, and not assume demolition.

## **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business brought before the Board, Chair J.D. Bartell adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

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**J.D. Bartell**  
**Chair**

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**Margaret Wallace Brown**  
**Executive Secretary**