

Minutes of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission

August 26, 2021

Telephonic/Videoconference Meeting held via Microsoft Teams <https://bit.ly/2W2NA1p>

2:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair David Bucek called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m. with a roll call vote and a quorum present.

Minnette Bickel Boesel, Chair	Absent
David Bucek, Vice Chair	
Steven Curry	
Ann Collum	Absent
John Cosgrove	Absent
Ashley Elizabeth Jones	
Ben Koush	Absent
Stephen McNeil	
Rhonda Sepulveda	Arrived at 2:26 p.m. before item A-13
Urmila Srinivasan	Absent
Charles Stava	
Beth Wiedower Jackson	Absent
Dominic Yap	Absent

EXOFFICIO MEMBERS

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

Executive Secretary

Margaret Wallace Brown, Director, Planning and Development

CHAIR'S REPORT

NONE

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Margaret Wallace reminded the Commission that the September 23, 2 pm meeting is planned to be an in-person meeting, with hybrid/virtual options for the public. She reported that the Appeals Board meets September 13 at 9 a.m. on two items; 7806 Santa Elena St., regarding front door/entrance way, and 215 Bayland St., for solar panels. She also reported approving 12 administrative Certificates of Appropriateness (COA's), bringing the year's total to 77. There were 11 new pre-application design review requests to staff, for a total of 53 this year.

MAYOR'S LIAISON REPORT

NONE

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 17 AND JULY 29, 2021 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION (HAHC) MEETING MINUTES

Commission Action: Approved the June 17 and July 29, 2021 Houston Archeological and Historical Commission meeting minutes.

Motion: **Jones** Second: **Stava**

Vote: **Unanimous**

Abstaining: **None**

A. CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner McNeil, to consider items **A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, A-5, A-6, A-7, A-8, A-9, A-10, A-11 and A-12** together. Motion carried unanimously.

- A-1. 704 W Sawyer St – Alteration - Roof – Old Sixth Ward – Approve**
- A-2. 219 W 11th St – Alteration - Addition, Foundation, Siding or Trim, Doors, Windows, Roof, Porch or Balcony – Houston Heights West/Burnett House – Approve**
- A-3. 3601 White Oak Dr – Alteration - Addition, Foundation, Siding or Trim, Doors, Windows, Roof, Porch or Balcony – Houston Heights South – Approve**
- A-4. 504 Byrne St – Alteration - Addition, Windows – Woodland Heights – Approve**
- A-5. 1011 Key St – Demolition - Garage or Carport – Norhill – Approve**
- A-6. 815 W Melwood St – Alteration - Addition – Norhill – Approve**
- A-7. 1239 Yale St – Alteration - Addition, Foundation, Siding or Trim, Doors, Windows, Roof – Houston Heights West – Approve**
- A-8. 3215 Morrison St – New Construction - Single Family Residential – Woodland Heights – Approve**
- A-9. 3215 Morrison St – New Construction - Garage or Carport – Woodland Heights – Approve**
- A-10. 709 Highland St – Alteration - Addition, Roof - Woodland Heights - Approve**
- A-11. 709 Highland St – New Construction - Garage or Carport – Woodland Heights – Approve**
- A-12. 3640 Inwood Dr – Alteration - Windows – LM – Dr. Conway and Bessie Blume House – Approve**

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to accept staff recommendations for items **A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, A-5, A-6, A-7, A-8, A-9, A-10, A-11 and A-12**. Motion carried unanimously.

A-13. 208 E 8th St Alteration - Siding or Trim - Houston Heights South

Motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Sepulveda, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-13 and issue a Certificate of Remediation, to reinstall original wood siding and lace in new wood siding to match on the west elevation. Motion carried unanimously.

Speakers: Blake Krejci, agent and Arch Rowan, owner – supportive.

B. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Dan Piette ask questions about registering deed restrictions and enforcement.

C. COMMENTS FROM THE HAHC

Vice Chair Bucek spoke about renewing badges.


D. HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S REPORT

Roman McAllen reported that:

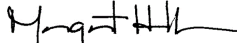
- The proposed Brunner-Harmonium Historic District was presented to the Quality of Life Committee last week. The committee expressed enthusiastic, unanimous, support. It will proceed to City Council within the next few weeks.
- The Office of Preservation attended 2 meetings on consecutive Saturdays in Pleasantville. The first was hosted by State Representative Harold Dutton. That meeting and one last Saturday, organized and hosted by our office along with Mary Fontenot, had 30 to 50 neighborhood residents in attendance. Those in attendance expressed nearly unanimous support for designation as a local district.
- Based on our conversations with the Texas Historical Commission, one of their representatives has told our team that they have deemed all of Pleasantville eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. This would have a direct impact on the reconstruction work funded by the General land office (GLO), as all work will have to adhere to the Texas Historic Commission (THC) standards and should support the neighborhood's deed restrictions. We are seeking confirmation this week.
- Kick off meeting was held with SWCA, the Office of Preservation, the City's Economic Development Office and the Freedmen's Town Conservancy, regarding the Freedmen's Town Historic Preservation Incentive Plan.
- Final round of input is happening for design guidelines for Old Sixth Ward, Woodland Heights, and Norhill Historic Districts.

E. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Commission, Vice Chair David Bucek adjourned the meeting at 2:46 p.m.

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Vice Chair

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Margaret Wallace Brown
Executive Secretary