# MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION

# Thursday, November 20, 2014 Meeting Held at the City Hall Annex, Council Chamber, Public Level 900 Bagby Street, Houston TX 77002 3:00 PM

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Chair, Mr. Maverick Welsh, 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.

Edie Archer Р Р Debra Blacklock-Sloan David Bucek Α Romulo Tim Cisneros Ann Collum P Left at 5:24 pm during item B-16 John Cosgrove Р Douglas Elliott Jorge Garcia-Herreros Rob D. Hellver P Left at 5:50 pm during item B-20 Paul Homeyer Anna Mod P

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#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chair's report was given by Chair, Maverick Welsh. Mr. Welsh reviewed the operating procedures and Speaker Rules for the audience and also announced the meeting was airing live on HTV and asked everyone to speak into the microphone so they could be heard. He also encouraged each Commissioner to participate in each vote and to make motions to help move the meeting along.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Director's report was given by Director, Patrick Walsh. Mr. Walsh gave the dates of the next Historic Preservation Ordinance Review committee meetings. He also mentioned Mayor Parker and several Houston projects will be recognized at the Preservation Texas 2014 Statewide Honors Awards ceremony on November 22. The Mayor will be receiving the Public Service Awards for leadership on historic preservation that allowed permanent protection for properties in historic districts. He announced that Delaney Harris-Finch would be leaving the Department and wished her luck in her new endeavor and updated the Commission on the efforts to improve enforcement of the nearly 6,700 structures that fall under the purview of the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

### MAYOR'S CULTURAL LIAISON REPORT None

Charles Stava

Maverick Welsh

### APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 23, 2014 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Archer, seconded by Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan, to approve the October 23, 2014 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

#### A. MONTHLY PRESERVATION TOPIC:

No presentation given due to long meeting agenda.

#### B. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS:

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Collum to consider agenda items B-1, B-3, B-4, B-5, B-8, B-9, B-12, B-14, B-17, B-18, B-22, B-24, B-26, B-27, B-28, B-29, B-30, B-31, B-32 and B-36 together at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hellyer, seconded by Commissioner Archer to add agenda item B-21 to the items to be considered together. Motion carried unanimously.

- 1. 3395 Del Monte Dr. LM / D. W. Hovey House Alteration-Windows
- 3. 2005 W. Gray St. LM / River Oaks Shopping Center Alteration-Sign
- 4. 2946 S. Shepherd Dr. LM / Alabama Shopping Center Alteration-Sign
- 5. 614 Marshall St. Audubon Place Historic District Alteration-Addition Noncontributing
- 8. 605 Silver St. Old Sixth Ward Historic District Alteration–Noncontributing Structure Revision
- 9. 917 Franklin St. Main Street Market Square Historic District Alteration-Sign Deferred
- 12. 8011 Glen Valley Dr. Glenbrook Valley Historic District Alteration–Windows Resubmittal
- 14. 7931 Glenview Dr. Glenbrook Valley Historic District New Construction–Carport Resubmittal
- 17. 4636 Pineridge St. Norhill Historic District Alteration-Garage Noncontributing
- 18. 518 Byrne St. Woodland Heights Historic District Alteration–Garage Noncontributing
- 21. 714 Woodland St. Woodland Heights Historic District Alteration-Porch
- 22. 1301 Arlington St. Houston Heights East Historic District Alteration–Addition
- 24. 1431 Columbia St. Houston Heights East Historic District New Construction-Garage
- 26. 1535 Arlington St. Houston Heights East Historic District New Construction–Garage
- 27. 1535 Arlington St. Houston Heights East Historic District Alteration–Addition
- 28. 1232 Arlington St. Houston Heights East Historic District Alteration–Addition
- 29. 1232 Arlington St. Houston Heights East Historic District New Construction–Garage
- 30. 1226 Heights Blvd. Houston Heights East Historic District New Construction– Residence Resubmittal
- 31. 802 Arlington St. Houston Heights South Historic District Alteration–Addition
- 32. 721 Cortlandt St. Houston Heights South Historic District Alteration– Siding/Windows/Doors Noncontributing
- 36. 1234 Allston St. Houston Heights West Historic District Alteration–Addition

Motion made by Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Herreros, to grant Certificates of Appropriateness. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Mod to take agenda item B-34 and B-35 out of order and present at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

34. 901 Heights Blvd. – Houston Heights South Historic District (Demolition–Residence)
Motion was made by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner Archer to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-34. Motion carried with Commissioner Hellyer abstaining.
Speakers: Ryan Strickland, owner/applicant, Thomas Gessner, Dwayne Picou and Kathleen Carpenter – supportive; Kent Marsh - opposed.

# 35. 605 Cortlandt St. / 3500 White Oak Dr. – Houston Heights South Historic District (Demolition–Residence/Commercial Bldg.) Deferred from June 2014

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Mod to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-35. Motion carried with Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan opposing and Commissioner Hellyer abstaining.

Speakers: Pedro Martinez, owner/applicant and Timothy Kirwin – supportive; Brian Wozniak and Kent Marsh - opposed.

The Commission returned to Agenda Item B.2 at this time and proceeded with the remaining agenda items.

### 2. 1807 Wroxton Rd. – LM / David House (Alteration–Addition)

Motion was made by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan to partially grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-2 as follows: Approval of proposed front and rear addition; window and door replacements; roof replacement and skylight installation; raising of the roof at the two front masses; roof deck handrail replacement; and front canopy replacement. Denial of replacing the original diagonal wood siding with a smooth plaster surface. Motion carried with Commissioner Cosgrove and Stava opposing and Commissioner Mod abstaining. Speakers: Gordon Shepperd and Daniel Hall – supportive.

- **6. 504** Avondale St. Avondale West Historic District (Alteration–Windows) Resubmittal Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Mod to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-6. Motion carried with Commissioner Hellyer opposing. Speaker: Adam Bakir representing owner/applicant supportive.
- 7. 614 W. Main St. First Montrose Commons District (Alteration–Siding/Trim)

  Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Herreros to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-7. Motion carried unanimously.
- **10. 8234 Glen Valley Dr. Glenbrook Valley Historic District (Alteration-Windows/Roof)** Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Mod to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-10. Motion carried with Commissioner Archer and Commissioner Elliott opposing.

Speaker: Hugo Sanchez, representing owner/applicant – supportive.

## 11. 8106 Glen Valley Dr. – Glenbrook Valley Historic District (New Construction–Accessory Bldg.) *Deferred*

Motion was made by Commissioner Archer, seconded by Commissioner Elliott to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-11. Motion carried with Commissioner Collum opposing.

### 13. 7706 Glenheath St. – Glenbrook Valley Historic District (Alteration–Windows)

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Archer to partially grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-13 as follows: Approval to replace windows A, B, C and D. Denial to replace windows E, F, G and H. Motion carried with Commissioner Collum abstaining. Speaker: Ramona Fontenelle, owner/applicant – supportive.

#### 15. 1038 W. Temple St. – Norhill Historic District (Alteration–Door)

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Herreros to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-15. Motion carried with Commissioner Cosgrove, Commissioner Elliott, Commissioner Hellyer and Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan opposing. Speakers: Denis Zubarex, owner/applicant – supportive and Pete Stockton – Sr. Inspector, City of Houston Code Enforcement.

#### 16. 801 Key St. – Norhill Historic District (Alteration–Addition)

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Mod to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-16. Motion carried with Commissioner Garcia-Herreros and Commissioner Stava abstaining.

Speakers: Mark Schuck, owner, Bob Robinowitz, applicant and Tom Patton - supportive.

**19. 521 Euclid St. – Woodland Heights Historic District East (Alteration–Addition)** *Resubmittal* Motion was made by Commissioner Hellyer, seconded by Commissioner Archer to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-19. Motion carried with Commissioner Garcia-Herreros, Commissioner Mod and Commissioner Stava opposing.

Speakers: Robert Garner, owner/applicant, Jayne Owen, owner, Nathan Kopecky and Stephen Heiman – supportive.

**20. 3215 Morrison St. – Woodland Heights Historic District (New Construction–Residence)** Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Herreros, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-20. Motion carried unanimously. Speaker: Sam Gianukos, applicant – supportive.

# 23. 1548 Cortlandt St. – Houston Heights Historic District East (Alteration–Relocation/Addition)

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Elliott, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-23. Motion carried unanimously.

Speakers: Sam Gianukos, applicant and Matthew Ager, owner – supportive.

**25. 1214** Harvard St. – Houston Heights Historic District East (Alteration–Addition/Windows) Motion made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Archer to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-25 with the 1-over-1 windows per staff's recommendation. Motion carried with Commissioner Stava abstaining.

Speakers: Benjamin Clinger, owner, Brie Kelman, applicant and Jim Zucker - supportive.

## 33. 540 Columbia St. – Houston Heights Historic District South (Alteration–Relocation/Addition)

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-33. Motion carried with Commissioner Archer and Commissioner Cosgrove opposing.

Speakers: Heather Andrews, owner and Nick Eronko, applicant - supportive.

- **37**. **417 W. 12**<sup>th</sup> **St. Houston Heights Historic District West (Alteration–Addition/Windows)** Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Mod to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-37. Motion carried unanimously.
- **38. 1411 Ashland St. Houston Heights Historic District West (New Construction–Residence)** Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Stava, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-38. Motion carried with Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan opposing. Speaker: Greg Swedberg, applicant supportive.

### 39. 1815 Cortlandt St. – Houston Heights Historic District East (New Construction–Residence) Revision

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove, to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-39. Motion carried with Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan, Commissioner Elliott and Commissioner Garcia-Herreros opposing. Speaker: Jeremy McFarland, applicant – supportive.

#### C. CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE 2015 HAHC MEETING SCHEDULE:

Motion made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Archer to approve the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commissioner meeting schedule for the year 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

### D. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE HAHC:

Heather Andrews asked for clarification from Commissioner Mod on what would be more acceptable with the Commission regarding moving her home and since the property next door is a business she is concerned about her family's health and safety. She asked if the Commission would take into consideration the health and safety concern at the December meeting.

Nick Eronko asked Commissioner Mod to explain what she meant about toning down the addition for 540 Columbia Street.

Commissioner Cosgrove asked for an update from the Director Walsh on any appeals that went before the Planning Commission and asked if another field visit could be schedule next year. Commissioner also suggested that the Heights items be considered first on the agenda since they take the longest during the meeting.

Commissioner Welsh asked if we can limit the speakers time when the meeting has a large number of speakers, so they are able to accommodate everyone without staying so late.

Commissioner Mod mentioned that there were four cases that the Commission approved that staff was recommending to deny, so she wanted to make it clear that the Commission doesn't deny everything.

Commissioner Garcia–Herreros asked staff to let the applicants know more about the tax breaks for preserving historical structures.

### E. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business brought before the Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Garcia-Herreros, seconded by Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan to adjourn the meeting 7:03 p.m.

Maverick Welsh

Chair

Patrick Walsh

**Executive Secretary**