

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Meeting to be held at the City Hall Annex, City Council Chambers, Public Level

900 Bagby Street, Houston, Texas

3:00 PM

**A CD/DVD of the full proceedings is on file
In the Planning and Development Department**

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.

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| Maverick Welsh | P |
| Jorge Garcia-Herreros | A |
| Edie Archer | A |
| Anna Mod | P |
| John Cosgrove | P |
| Ann Collum | A |
| Minnette Bickel Boesel | P left at 5:55 p.m. during item D |
| Rob D. Hellyer | P |
| Charles Stava | P |
| Brie Kelman | P |
| David Bucek | P |
| Emily Ardoin | P |

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chair's report was given by Chair, Maverick Welsh. Mr. Welsh went over the operating procedures and Speakers Rules for the audience. Mr. Welsh reminded the Commission and public that changes were made to the speaker's time at the previous meeting. He reported applicants will receive three (3) minutes to speak and other members of the public will receive two (2) minutes to speak. If a member of the public speaks out against the applicant's project, the applicant is allowed a two (2) minute rebuttal. Also, mentioned applications are due 22 days in advance of the monthly HAHC meeting. The HAHC will not accept new material including handouts or revised plans at today's meeting. Submitting new documents at the meeting may cause your application to be deferred another month. He asked everyone to speak into the microphone so they could be heard. Mr. Welsh encouraged each Commissioner to participate in each vote, reserve abstentions when there is a conflict of interest and to ensure microphones are turned on when speaking.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's report was given by Deputy Director, Margaret Wallace Brown. Mrs. Wallace Brown provided an update on the Heights Design Guidelines' final meeting, which will occur on April 26 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1819 Heights Blvd., 5:30-7:30 p.m. She also reported that the City has been able to expand the project to include the Norhill, Woodland Heights, Freeland, and Old Sixth Ward Historic Districts. Each of these historic districts will receive their own design guidelines, while the three Houston Heights historic districts will share a single design guidelines document. Starting this summer, the consulting team will hold community workshops for all seven historic districts at once and meeting dates will be announced as soon as possible. Also mentioned, for the month of April, the Department received a total of 37 Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) applications and 10 were processed administratively. Ms. Wallace Brown also provided a summary of COA application submissions for the previous three months.

MAYOR'S CULTURAL LIAISON REPORT

NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 24, 2016 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Kelman, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove to amend the March 24, 2016 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission meeting minutes to include details about the new speaker rules. Motion carried unanimously.

A. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS:

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Kelman to consider agenda items A-8, A-12, A-16, A-17, A-19, A-21, A-23, A-24, A-25 and A-26 together at this time.

- 8. 1710 Lubbock St – Alteration-Addition – Old Sixth Ward Historic District**
- 12. 114 Main St – Alteration-Storefront – Main Street Market Square Historic District**
- 16. 1637 Columbia St – Alteration-Addition – Houston Heights Historic District East**
- 17. 835 Columbia St – New Construction-Residence/Garage *Resubmittal* – Houston Heights Historic South District**
- 19. 1526 Ashland St – Alteration-Addition – Houston Heights Historic District West**
- 21. 7738 Dillon St – Alteration-Windows – Glenbrook Valley Historic District**
- 23. 8503 Glencrest St – Alteration-Front Wall/Porch *Noncontrib Resubmittal* – Glenbrook Valley Historic District**
- 24. 815 W Melwood St – Alteration-Addition *Renewal* – Norhill Historic District**
- 25. 339 W 19th St – Alteration-Door – LM Heights Theater**
- 26. 712 Main St – Alteration-Storefront – LM Gulf Building**

Motion was made by Commissioner Boesel, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove to grant Certificates of Appropriateness for items A-8, A-12, A-16, A-17, A-19, A-21, A-23, A-24, A-25 and A-26. Motion carried unanimously.

Items A-1 and A-2 were taken together at this time.

- 1. 1913 A Crockett St – New Construction-Residence *Deferral* – High First Ward Historic District**
- 2. 1917 Crockett St – New Construction-Residence *Deferral* – High First Ward Historic District**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Ardoin to separately consider items A-1 and A-2. Motion carried unanimously.

- 1. 1913 A Crockett St – New Construction-Residence *Deferral* – High First Ward Historic District**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Ardoin to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-1. Motion carried with Hellyer and Kelman abstaining. Denial based on Criterion 3.

- 2. 1917 Crockett St – New Construction-Residence *Deferral* – High First Ward Historic District**

Motion was made by Commissioner Ardoin, seconded by Commissioner Kelman to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-2. Motion carried unanimously.

- 3. 1710 Crockett St – Alteration-Porch – High First Ward Historic District**

Motion was made by Commissioner Kelman, seconded by Commissioner Bucek to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-3 as submitted by the applicant. Amended motion was made by Commissioner Boesel, seconded by Commissioner Kelman to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-3 with the condition the applicant use salvaged wood siding to close the original location of the relocated window. Motion carried with Hellyer, Stava and Cosgrove opposing.

Speaker: David Jefferis, applicant – supportive

Items A-4 and A-5 were taken together at this time.

- 4. 1803 Crockett St – New Construction-Residence – High First Ward Historic District**
- 5. 1805 Crockett St – New Construction-Residence – High First Ward Historic District**

Motion was made by Commissioner Kelman and seconded by Commissioner Mod to consider items A-4 and A-5 together. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Boesel to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-4 and A-5. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Kenneth Williams, applicant – supportive

- 6. 1907 Crockett St – Alteration-Addition – High First Ward Historic District**

Motion was made by Commissioner Boesel, seconded by Commissioner Kelman to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-6 for one month. Motion carried unanimously.

- 7. 1604 North Blvd – Alteration-Addition *Noncontributing* – Boulevard Oaks Historic District**

Motion was made by Commissioner Kelman, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-7 for one month. Motion carried with Hellyer opposing.

Speakers: Jeffery Shirt and Mihai Angelescu, applicant – supportive; Steve Grossman – opposed

9. 1808 State St – Alteration-Windows/Doors – Old Sixth Ward Historic District

Motion was made by Commissioner Stava, seconded by Commissioner Mod to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-9 to approve the change to the new door but deny the window replacement. Window replacement denial based on criteria 1, 4, 5 and 9. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Ryan Boehner – opposed to window replacement, support of door replacement

10. 312 Main St – Alteration-Storefront/Sign – Main Street Market Square Historic District

Motion was made by Commissioner Kelman, seconded by Commissioner Mod to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-10. Motion carried with Boesel and Stava opposing

11. 110 Main St – Alteration-Commercial Bldg. – Main Street Market Square Historic District

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Boesel to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-11. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Bob Fretz, applicant – supportive

13. 125 Payne St – New Construction-Garage – Germantown Historic District

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Mod to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-13 with the condition the applicant detach the pergola and garage from the existing structure. Motion carried with Hellyer, Stava and Ardoin opposing, and Boesel abstaining.

Speakers: Mike Shelton, applicant – supportive

14. 509 Teetshorn St – Alteration-Addition – Woodland Heights Historic District

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Mod to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-14. Motion carried with Hellyer and Kelman opposing. Denial based on criteria 1 and 10.

Speaker: Bill Riley, applicant – supportive

15. 416 Euclid St – Alteration-Addition *Resubmittal* – Woodland Heights Historic District

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Bucek to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-15. Motion carried with Hellyer and Kelman opposing, and Ardoin abstaining.

Speaker: Susan Goll, applicant – supportive

18. 1501 Ashland St – Alteration-Addition – Houston Heights Historic District West

Motion was made by Commissioner Boesel, seconded by Commissioner Mod to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-18 with the condition that the front facing gable be removed. Motion carried with Kelman opposing.

Speaker: Chad Tinney, applicant – supportive

20. 7707 Lakewind St – Alteration-Door – Glenbrook Valley Historic District

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Stava to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-20. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Mark Heater, applicant – supportive

22. 7739 Meadville St – Alteration-Windows/Doors – Glenbrook Valley Historic District

Incomplete application

27. 3311 Del Monte Dr – Alteration-Addition – LM Judge and Mrs Platt House

Motion was made by Commissioner Boesel seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-27. Motion carried unanimously.

Speakers: Ed Bullock, applicant and Russell Windham – supportive

B. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATIONS FOR:

a. William P. and Oveta Culp Hobby House at 2115 Glen Haven Boulevard

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing. There were no speakers.

Motion made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Mod that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Landmark Designation for the William P. and Oveta Culp Hobby House at 2115 Glen Haven Boulevard. Motion carried with Commissioner Mod abstaining.

C. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATIONS FOR:

a. Hirzel-von Haxthausen House at 2120 Sabine Street

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing. There were no speakers.

Motion made by Commissioner Kelman, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Protected Landmark Designation for the Hirzel-von Haxthausen House at 2120 Sabine Street. Motion carried unanimously.

D. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE HAHC:

Dominic Yap thanked the Commissioners for approving the protected landmark status of the Hirzel-von Haxthausen House at 2120 Sabine Street. Mr. Yap elaborated on immigrant's contributions to Houston's architectural history.

Commissioner Boesel announced Preservation Houston is having a tour of Good Brick Award winners' projects next weekend.

Bucek inquired about the City doing a canvas for the national registry listing for Meyerland as the area consists of many historic homes in danger of flooding.

Ardoin addressed agenda item A-14. She stated the project featured a side addition that is two and a half times the size of the original building, which appeared too big.

Cosgrove reported he struggled with agenda items A-14 and A-15. He reported there appeared to be inconsistency in staff recommendations on both projects.

Deputy Director, Mrs. Wallace-Brown, thanked the Commissioners for their feedback on staff recommendations.

Hellyer also elaborated on agenda items A-14 and A-15, as both projects did not appear to have street views and were presented as two dimensional drawings.

E. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business brought before the commission, Chair, Mr. Maverick Welsh, adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Motion was made by Commissioner Kelman and seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove. Motion carried unanimously.



Maverick Welsh
Chair



Margaret Wallace Brown
Executive Secretary