

Minutes of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission

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June 14, 2018

Meeting held in

Council Chambers, Public Level, City Hall Annex

3:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel called the meeting to order at 3:07 pm, with a quorum present.

Minnette Bickel Boesel, Chair

Emily Ardoin, Vice Chair

Edie Archer

David Bucek

Ann Collum

Absent

John Cosgrove

Jorge Garcia-Herreros

Ben Koush

Sue Lovell

Stephen McNiel

Urmila Srinivasan

Charles Stava

EXOFFICIO MEMBERS

Samantha Bruer, Architectural Archivist, Houston Metropolitan Research Center

Marta Crinejo, Mayor's Liaison

Margaret Wallace Brown, Deputy Director, Planning and Development

Executive Secretary

Patrick Walsh, P.E., Director, Planning and Development

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's Report was given by Deputy Director, Margaret Wallace Brown. She reported that the Historic planning staff received 29 total Historic applications this month. 11 were administratively reviewed, and 18 are on today's Agenda. Therefore, our 2018 numbers to date are as follows: 166 total applications; 62 administratively reviewed, and 104 heard by this Commission. She also reported about a June 19 meeting for a proposed Cherryhurst Historic District; a volunteer opportunity to test Preservation Tracker, and that Director Pat Walsh is ill.

MAYOR'S LIAISON REPORT

None

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 17 AND MAY 31, 2018 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION (HAHC) MEETING MINUTES

Commission action: Approved the May 17 and May 31, 2018 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission (HAHC) meeting minutes as amended.

Motion: **Bucek** Second: **McNeil** Vote: **Unanimously** Abstaining: **None**

A. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED HOUSTON HEIGHTS HISTORIC DISTRICTS DESIGN GUIDELINES DRAFT

Presentation was given by staff member Matthew Kriegl.

Item #37: Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Herreros, to accept staff recommendation per staff report, for item #37. Motion carried with Commissioner(s) Lovell, McNeil opposing.

Item #38: Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Ardoin, to accept staff recommendation per staff report, for item #38, with the following amendment: The standards refer to minimum or maximum dimensions, or, where established in these guidelines, as a range. Motion carried unanimously.

B. CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED HOUSTON HEIGHTS HISTORIC DISTRICTS DESIGN GUIDELINES DRAFT AS AMENDED THROUGH ITEMS 1-38

Presentation was given by staff member Matthew Kriegl.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Archer, to accept staff recommendation per staff report dated May 31, 2018, with the following amendment: to exempt single story home with attached single story garage from 264 square feet of Floor Area Ratio (FAR) calculation; and forward to Quality of Life Committee and City Council. Motion carries with Commissioner(s) Lovell and McNeil opposing.

C. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR THE QUALITY LAUNDRY BUILDING AT 1110 W GRAY STREET

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ardoin, seconded by Commissioner Lovell, that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Landmark Designation of the Quality Laundry Building at 1110 W Gray Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker(s): Amanda Barry, applicant – supportive

D. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS

Motion made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner McNeil, to consider agenda items D-1, D-3, D-6, D-11, D-12, D-14, D-16, D-17 and D-18 together. Motion carried unanimously.

1. 1109 Key St	Alteration-Addition	Norhill
3. 910 Fugate St	Alteration-Addition	Norhill
6. 1606 Heights Blvd	New Construction-Residence	Houston Heights East
11. 1022 Cortlandt St	Alteration-Addition	Houston Heights South
12. 1028 Arlington St	New Construction-Accessory Bldg.	Houston Heights South
14. 1404 Allston St	Alteration-Roof	Houston Heights West
16. 825 Bayland St	Alteration-Addition	Woodland Heights
17. 8003 Arletta St	Alteration-Windows	Glenbrook Valley
18. 2210 Kane St	Alteration-Stairs	Old Sixth Ward

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Lovell, to grant Certificates of Appropriateness for items D-1, D-3, D-6, D-11, D-12, D-14, D-16, D-17 and D-18 together. Motion carried unanimously.

2. 935 W Melwood St Alteration-Addition Norhill

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Lovell, to defer the application for item D-2. Motion carried unanimously.

Speakers: Sarah Hannah, owner – supportive; Steven Prescott - opposed.

4. 1138 Jerome St Alteration-Addition Norhill

Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Ardoin, to defer the application item D-4. Motion carried unanimously.

Speakers: Sam Gianukos, applicant – supportive; Steven Prescott – opposed.

5. 1226 Cortlandt St Alteration-Addition Houston Heights East

Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner McNeil, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D-5. Motion carried with Commissioner(s) Ardoin, Bucek, Garcia-Herreros and Stava opposing and Commissioner Cosgrove abstaining.

Speakers: Sam Gianukos, applicant and Brandon Krueger, owner – supportive.

7. 1421 Heights Blvd Alteration-Addition/Siding Houston Heights East

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Lovell, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D-7 per staff report, with the condition that any siding replacement be per per staff review. Motion carried with Commissioner Stava opposing.

Speaker: Sam Gianukos, applicant – supportive.

8. 1637 Cortlandt St Alteration-Addition Houston Heights East

Motion was made by Commissioner McNeil, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove, to defer the application for item D-8. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Sam Gianukos, applicant – supportive.

9. 1405 Harvard Blvd Alteration-Addition Houston Heights East

Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D-9. Motion carried unanimously.

10. 717 Cortlandt St Alteration-Windows/Doors Houston Heights South

Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Ardoin, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D-10. Motion carried unanimously.

13. 908 Heights Blvd Alteration-Addition Houston Heights South

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Lovell, to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D-13. Motion carried unanimously.

15. 3107 Beauchamp St Alteration-Addition Woodland Heights

Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Herreros, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D-15. Motion carried unanimously.

19. 1314 Texas St Alteration-Sign LM The Petroleum Building

Motion was made by Commissioner Ardoin, seconded by Commissioner Lovell, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D-19. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE HAHC

Applicant Sam Gianukos asked for guidance regarding the roof pitch for his 908 Heights Blvd project.

Commissioner McNeil asked Commissioners to specify intended actions if recommending denial, particularly if staff recommended approval.


Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel commented on desired teamwork, as Design Guidelines move forward.

Staff Legal Counsel Kim Mickelson clarified the intent of the action on the vote for the Design Guidelines.

Deputy Director Margaret Wallace-Brown reminded the Commission that the next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 25, instead of the normally recurring Thursday.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Commission, Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel adjourned the meeting at 5:21 pm.



Minnette Bickel Boesel
Chair



Margaret Wallace Brown
Executive Secretary