

## **Minutes of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission**

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

**July 18, 2019**

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 3:10 p.m. with a quorum present.

Minnette Bickel Boesel, Chair

David Bucek, Vice Chair

Absent

Jose Aranda, Jr.

Steven Curry

Ann Collum

John Cosgrove

Absent

Beth Wiedower Jackson

Ashley Elizabeth Jones

Ben Koush

Stephen McNiel

Urmila Srinivasan

Charles Stava

Dominic Yap

### **EXOFFICIO MEMBERS**

Samantha Bruer, Architectural Archivist, Houston Metropolitan Research Center

Marta Crinejo, Mayor's Liaison

### **Executive Secretary**

Margaret Wallace Brown, Interim Director, Planning and Development

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chair recognized four new HAHC Commissioners: Commissioners Aranda, Curry, Jones, and Wiedower Jackson. She commented that the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions conducted "camp"; a commission assistance & mentoring program, in June. She encouraged people to consider Preservation Houston's Good Brick Awards program.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Margaret Wallace Brown spoke about pending Historic Chapter 33 enforcement status, and recent Chapter 33 and 44 tax exemptions. She thanked staff and reported that the numbers of COA's being processed are almost double from last year's numbers. Legal Department representative Kim Mickelson commented that new Commissioners may vote on approval of prior minutes; and even if they choose to abstain, quorum is still met.

### **MAYOR'S LIAISON REPORT**

**NONE**

**APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 13, 2019 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION (HAHC) MEETING MINUTES**

This item was considered later in the meeting.

**A. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATIONS**

Items A-1, A-2, and A-3 were considered together at this time.

**A-1. Robert & Marie Jarrett House at 2602 Riverside Drive**

**A-2. House at 4618 McEwen Street**

**A-3. Church of the Redeemer at 4411 Dallas Street**

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Yap, that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Protected Landmark Designation of items A-1, A-2, and A-3. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR CAMERON IRON WORKS AT 711 MILBY STREET**

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Landmark Designation for Cameron Iron Works at 711 Milby Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker(s): William R. Franks, Amanda Barry, applicants –supportive.

**C. CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS**

Motion made by Commissioner Yap, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to consider items C-1, C-4, C-6, C-8, C-9, C-10, C-13, C-14, C-16, C-18, C-21, C-24, C-25, and C-28 together.

Motion passed unanimously.

**C-1. 1976 W Gray St - Alteration-Sign - River Oaks Shopping Center/LM - APPROVE**

**C-4. 700 Kipling St - Alteration-Windows/Roof - Audubon Place - APPROVE**

**C-6. 1505 South Blvd - New Construction-Poolhouse/Pergola – Broadacres - APPROVE**

**C-8. 801 Branard - Alteration-Door - First Montrose Commons - APPROVE**

**C-9. 537 Frasier St - New Construction-Residence – Freeland – APPROVE**

**C-10. 503 E 16th - Alteration-Addition - Houston Heights East - DEFER PER APPLICANT REQUEST**

**C-13. 723 Arlington - Alteration-Addition - Houston Heights South - DEFER PER APPLICANT REQUEST**

- C-14. 723 Arlington - New Construction-Residence/Garage - Houston Heights South - DEFER PER APPLICANT REQUEST**
- C-16. 3510 White Oak - Alteration-Doors/Windows - Houston Heights South - DEFER PER APPLICANT REQUEST**
- C-18. 1109 Key St - Alteration-Addition - Norhill - DEFER PER APPLICANT REQUEST**
- C-21. 1002 Algregg St - Demolition-Garage – Norhill - APPROVE**
- C-24. 908 White St - Alteration-Windows - Old Sixth Ward - APPROVE**
- C-25. 1810 Decatur St - Alteration-Door Deferral - Old Sixth Ward – DEFER PER APPLICANT REQUEST**
- C-28. 1919 Kane St - New Construction-Accessory Structure - Old Sixth Ward - APPROVE**

Motion made by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to accept staff recommendations for items C-1, C-4, C-6, C-8, C-9, C-10, C-13, C-14, C-16, C-18, C-21, C-24, C-25, and C-28 together. Motion carried unanimously.

**C-2. 711 Milby St Alteration-Windows/Doors/Siding - Cameron Iron Works/LM**

Motion was made by Commissioner Srinivasan, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-2. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker(s): Amanda Barry, applicant – supportive.

**C-3. 449 W 19th St - Alteration-Windows/Doors/Awnings - Heights Water Works/PLM**

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum seconded by Commissioner Yap, to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-3. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker(s): Tim Cisneros, applicant – supportive.

**C-5. 600 Avondale St - Alteration-Windows - Avondale West - DENY/COR**

Motion was made by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-5. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Stava, to issue a Certificate of Remediation per staff recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

**C-7. 401 Branard St - Alteration-Sign - First Montrose Commons**

Motion was made by Commissioner McNeil, seconded by Commissioner Srinivasan, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness, as presented by Applicant, for item C-7. Motion carried unanimously

Speaker(s): Ann Robison – applicant, Jim Bailey, Stephen Longmire – supportive.

**C-11. 1832 Cortlandt St - Alteration-Roof - Houston Heights East**

Motion was made by Commissioner Srinivasan, seconded by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-11. Motion carried unanimously.

**C-12. 605 Columbia St - Demolition-Residence - Houston Heights South**

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-12. Motion carried with Commissioners Aranda and McNiel opposed.

Speaker(s): Tom Stell, applicant, Richard Sewing – supportive; Theo Lawrence, opposed; Pete Stockton, Houston Public Works.

**C-15. 429 Oxford - Alteration-Addition Deferral - Houston Heights South**

Motion was made by Commissioner McNiel, seconded by Commissioner Koush, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-15. Motion carried with Commissioner Yap opposed.

**C-17. 1147 Rutland - Restoration/Alteration-Windows/Doors - Houston Heights West**

Motion was made by Commissioner Curry, seconded by Commissioner McNiel, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-17. Motion carried unanimously.

**C-19. 1132 Key St - Alteration-Addition – Norhill**

Motion was made by Commissioner Koush, seconded by Commissioner Yap, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-19. Motion carried unanimously.

**C-20. 1140 W Gardner - Alteration-Addition/Door - Norhill**

Motion was made by Commissioner McNiel, seconded by Commissioner Srinivasan, to partially approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-20, with the condition that the front entrance remains. Motion carried unanimously.

**C-22. 901 Fugate - Alteration-Windows – Norhill – Administratively Approved**

Commissioner Stava recused himself.

**C-23. 2215 Kane St - Restoration/Alteration-Windows/Door/Roof - Old Sixth Ward -**

Motion was made by Commissioner McNiel, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-23. Motion carried unanimously.

**C-25 1810 Decatur St- Alteration-Door Deferral – Old Sixth Ward**

Motion was made by Commissioner McNiel, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-25, per applicant's request. Motion carried unanimously.

**C-26. 2215 Decatur St - New Construction-Accessory Structure - Old Sixth Ward**

Motion was made by Commissioner McNiel, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-26. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Stava returned.

**C-27. 1815 State St - Alteration-Addition - Old Sixth Ward**

Motion was made by Commissioner Yap, seconded by Commissioner McNiel to defer item C-27. Motion carried with Commissioner Stava abstaining.

Speaker(s): Amanda Tharp, Andrew Tharp, Michael Morrow, applicants; and Harry Gendel – supportive; Ryan Trainer – opposed.

Secretary and Interim Director Margaret Wallace Brown stepped out, and Planner Teresa Geisheker stepped in for her during item 27.

**APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 13, 2019 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION (HAHC) MEETING MINUTES**

Commission action: Approved the June 13, 2019 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission (HAHC) meeting minutes.

Motion: **Collum** Second: **Yap** Vote: **Unanimous** Abstaining: **Aranda, Jones, Wiedower Jackson**

**D. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Kathleen Powell commented about flooding, and proposed Harris County mapping.

**E. COMMENTS FROM THE HAHC**

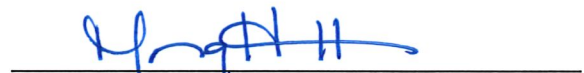
Commissioners McNiel, Koush, Yap, and Jones commented about Harris County flood plain mapping, and Chair asked for appropriate updates regarding flood elevations and historic preservation. Commissioner Yap commented about evaluating Landmark and Protected Landmark regulations.

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business brought before the Commission, Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.



**Minnette Bickel Boesel**  
Chair



**Margaret Wallace Brown**  
Executive Secretary