

**HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MINUTES
THURSDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2025
CITY HALL ANNEX, 900 BAGBY ST., PUBLIC LEVEL, HOUSTON TX 77002**

Call to Order and Roll Call by Chair Bucek at 2:34 PM

Commissioners	Quorum – Present / Absent
David Bucek, Chair	Present
John Cosgrove, Vice Chair	Present
Shantel Blakely	Present
Robert Browning	Present
Josh Broadbeck	Present
Becky Davis	Present
Zion Escobar	<i>Absent</i>
Craig Garcia	Present
David Craig Hille	Present
Ashley Jones	<i>Absent</i>
Sam Seidel	Present, left at 3:03 during Item C1
Carl Smith	Present
Mark Smith	Present
Robert Williamson, Acting Secretary	Present

Legal Department • Kim Mickelson
Ex-Officio Members • Marta Crinejo, Mayor’s Liaison to HAHC
Ginger Berni, Architectural Archivist, HHRC

Chair’s Report, David Bucek, Chair, announced speaker rules and meeting procedures.

Director’s Report, Robert Williamson, Secretary and Deputy Director for the Planning and Development Department, welcomed reappointed and newly appointed commissioners to HAHC. Recognized past commissioners, Yap, Stava and Koush, for their commitment to the Commission and service to the city.

Mayor Liaison’s Report – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration for the August 14, 2025, Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission meeting minutes

Commission action: Approved.

Motion: Cosgrove
Second: Blakely

Vote: Unanimous
Opposed: None

13	1907 Decatur St.	New Construction – Garage or Carport	Old Sixth Ward	Approval
14	1907 Decatur St.	Alteration – Porch or Balcony	Old Sixth Ward	Approval
15	732 Arlington St.	Alteration – Addition, Windows	Houston Heights South	Approval
16	1011 Le Green St.	Alteration – Windows	Norhill	Approval
17	1507 Ashland St.	Alteration – Other	Houston Heights West	Approval with Conditions
18	441 Columbia St.	Alteration – Windows	Houston Heights South	Approval
19	5307 N. Main St.	Alteration – Sign	Norhill	Approval
20	1426 Allston St.	New Construction – Garage or Carport	Houston Heights West	Approval
21	3506 Audubon Pl.	Alteration – Windows	Audubon Place	Approval with Conditions

Staff recommendation: Approve Item C. Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21.

Commission action: Accepted staff recommendations for Item C. Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21. Certificates of Appropriateness (COA) and Certificates of Remediation (COR).

Motion: Cosgrove
 Second: Broadbeck

Vote: Carried
 Abstaining: Hille, 13, 14

ITEM(S) C. 1, 9, 10 AND 16 WERE REMOVED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

C.1. 1138 FUGATE STREET

Staff recommendation: Denial of COA and issuance of a COR (Demolition) Denial of COA does not satisfy criteria (New Construction).

Commission action: Two separate votes, one; Accepts staff recommendation with the issuance of a COR for the demolition as prescribed by the HPAB.

Motion: Cosgrove Second: C. Smith Vote: Unanimous

Commission action: Two; Defer the new construction, with the applicant reviewing the Ordinance and keep the size, massing and scale of the contributing structure in the context area. The new construction should not mimic all the elements of the properties adjacent.

Speaker(s): Kate Simmons, applicant – supportive, Mary Emily Schultz, Virginia Kelsey, Letha Allen, Brian Wilson – opposed

Motion: Cosgrove Second: Hille Vote: Unanimous

C.9. 1535 OXFORD STREET

Staff recommendation: Approval with conditions: That the applicant creates an inset after the existing corner before the addition on the north elevation for two feet to meet the Heights measurable standards for side setbacks and side wall length.

Commission action: Accepts staff’s recommendations with the conditions.

Speaker(s): Courtney Thomas, applicant

Motion: Garcia Second: Browing Vote: Unanimous

C.10. 1008 E. 14TH STREET

Staff recommendation: Approval with conditions: that the second-floor plate height be lowered to 8 feet and that the roof of the second-floor addition be hipped.

Commission action: Accepts staff recommendation with the condition that the height of the ridge be adjusted as close as possible to the existing 2nd floor ridge.

Speaker(s): Sam Gianukos, applicant, Virginia Kelsey, Letha Allen – opposed

Motion: Blakely Second: Garcia Vote: Carried Opposed: Brodbeck

C.16. 1011 LE GREEN STREET

Staff recommendation: Approval.

Commission action: Approved, with the condition of having the thicker frame be partially obscured to resemble a typical window insert.

Speaker(s): Virginia Kelsey – opposed

Motion: Garcia Second: Cosgrove Vote: Unanimous

D. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Speaker(s): Paula Kobina, asking for help or direction on who to speak with home repair for the Acres Homes Community.

Virginia Kelsy, when will the Norhill guideline be available? Secretary Williamson responded, they are a work in progress and are looking for them to be completed this year.

Sam Gianukos, commented on projects and letters from the neighbors, he will be more than happy to get letters of approval from neighbors on projects.

E. HISTORIC PRESERVATIONS OFFICER’S REPORT –

Staff member Yasmin Arislan appreciates patience from everyone, and assured staff is diligent working on all projects including Norhill design guidelines.

Chair, Bucek questioned a item commission is used to seeing, “Comments from HACH”

Legal chimed in stating this will no longer be part of the agenda.

Secretary Williamson recognized the Abstentions of the Commissioners on Items and Affidavits are on file to note the abstentions.

F. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Commission, Chair David Bucek adjourned the meeting at 4:37 PM.

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David Bucek, Chair

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Robert Williamson
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Robert Williamson, Secretary