Minutes of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission

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May 17, 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 3:08 pm, with a quorum present.

Minnette Bickel Boesel, Chair

Emily Ardoin, Vice Chair

Edie Archer

Absent

David Bucek

Ann Collum John Cosgrove Absent

Absent

Jorge Garcia-Herreros

Absent

Ben Koush Sue Lovell

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Stephen McNiel Urmila Srinivasan Arrived at 3:10 p.m. before the approval of minutes

Absent

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

The Chair, Minnette Bickel Boesel, mentioned that the Houston Public Library Department has asked the Commission to write a letter of support for a National Trust grant application. The grant request is for the Library's African American Cultural Heritage program and campus.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's Report was given by Deputy Director, Margaret Wallace Brown. She reported that the Historic planning staff received 32 total Historic applications this month. 14 were administratively reviewed, and 18 are on today's Agenda. Therefore, our 2018 numbers to date are as follows: 137 total applications; 51 administratively reviewed, and 86 heard by this Commission. She also asked for volunteers to test the proposed Preservation Tracker, and reported on the upcoming ethics training on June 14 and an Incremental Development workshop on June 13.

MAYOR'S LIAISON REPORT

Marta Crinejo noted that the Mayor is aware of the Design Guideline process, is supportive of the Commission's work, and is looking forward to hearing from the public.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 19, 2018 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION (HAHC) MEETING MINUTES

Commission action: Approved the April 19, 2018 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission (HAHC) meeting minutes as amended.

Motion: McNeil Second: Koush Vote: Unanimously Abstaining: None

A. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED HOUSTON HEIGHTS HISTORIC DISTRICTS DESIGN GUIDELINES DRAFT

Presentation was given by staff member Matthew Kriegl.

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing.

Staff recommendation: None Commission action: None

Speakers: David Bush, Charlie Thorp, Kent Marsh, Joellen Snow, Mary Schultz, Mark Williamson, Angela DeWree, Thomas Conra and Amanda Reynolds – supportive; Jonathan Smulian, Celia Sims, Mark Standridge, Becky Davis, Ed Wolff and Sean Golden – opposed.

B. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR THE LEWIS-WHITE HOUSE AT 2520 ROSEDALE STREET

Presentation was given by staff member Lorelei Willett.

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing.

Motion made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Ardoin, that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Protected Landmark Designation of the Lewis-White House at 2520 Rosedale Street. Motion carried unanimously. Speaker: David Bush – supportive.

C. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS

Motion made by Commissioner Ardoin, seconded by Commissioner McNeil, to consider agenda items C-1, C-3, C-7, C-10, C-11, C-13 and C-15 together. Motion carried unanimously.

1.403 Westminster Dr. PLM/David Frame House Alteration-Addition/Siding 3. 2014 Kane St. Alteration-Skylights Old Sixth Ward New Construction-Garage 7. 1109 Rutland St. **Houston Heights West** 10. 3320 White Oak Dr. New Construction-Porch Cover Houston Heights South Houston Heights South 11. 515 Arlington St. Alteration-Siding/Trim Houston Heights East 13. 1801 Columbia St. Alteration-Addition/Dormers 15. 403 Euclid St. Alt-Addition/Door/Windows/Porch Woodland Heights

Commissioner Bucek recused himself.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ardoin, seconded by Commissioner Koush, to grant Certificates of Appropriateness for items C-1, C-3, C-7, C-10, C-11, C-13 and C-15 together. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bucek returned.

- C-2. 2207 Kane St. Alteration-Solar Panels Deferral Old Sixth Ward Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Ardoin, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-2 with the condition that the solar panels are not to be visible from the right-of-way. Motion carried with Commissioner Lovell opposing.

 Speakers: Adrian Melendez opposed; Daniel Soriu, applicant supportive.
- C-4. 915 Henderson St. Alteration-Painted Brick Deferral Old Sixth Ward Motion was made by Commissioner Koush, seconded by Commissioner Bucek, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness, and grant a Certificate of Remediation for item C-4 per staff report, and with the condition that staff finds the front facing paint color is similar to the prior existing red color. Motion carries with Commissioner Lovell and Commissioner Stava opposing. Speaker: Adrian Melendez opposed.
- C-5. 1810 Kane St. Alteration-Addition/Porch/Foundation Old Sixth Ward Motion was made by Commissioner Koush, seconded by Commissioner Stava, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-5 per staff report and with the condition that 1) the addition is to be inset from the original structure on the west elevation, the windows on the west elevation of the addition have a 1-over-1 lite pattern and also, the front door is to be more appropriate to the doors in the neighborhood. Motion carries with Commissioner Lovell and Commissioner McNeil opposing. Speakers: David Jefferies, applicant, Dominic Yap, Isabelle Swartz, owner and Adrian Melendez supportive.
- C-6. 1425 Tulane St. Alt-Addition/Windows/Foundation Rev Houston Heights West Motion was made by Commissioner McNeil, seconded by Commissioner Lovell, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-6 as submitted by applicant. Motion carries with Commissioner Stava opposing.

Speakers: Mark Van Doren, applicant, Jeff Russell, owner, and Noe Ramirez – supportive.

- C-8. 1239 Ashland St. Alteration-Addition Houston Heights West

 Motion was made by Commissioner Koush, seconded by Commissioner Stava, to approve the

 Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-8. Motion carries with Commissioner Bucek opposing.
- C-9. 911 Arlington St. Alteration-Addition/Window/Garage Houston Heights South Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Koush, to deny the application for item C-9 based on criteria 10. Motion carries with Commissioner Lovell and Commissioner McNeil opposing.
- **C-12. 1226 Cortlandt St. Alteration-Addition Deferral**Houston Heights East

 Motion was made by Commissioner Koush, seconded by Commissioner Lovell, to defer the

 Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-12. Motion carried unanimously.

C-14. 8003 Arletta St. Alteration-Windows Glenbrook Valley

Motion was made by Commissioner Ardoin, seconded by Commissioner Bucek, to defer the application for item C-14. Motion carried unanimously.

C-16. 509 Teetshorn St. Alteration-Addition Revision Woodland Heights
Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner McNeil, to approve the
application for item C-16. Motion carries with Commissioner Stava opposing.

Speakers: Bill Riley and Mark Van Doren, applicants – supportive.

C-17. 825 Bayland St. Alteration-Addition Woodland Heights
Withdrawn

C-18. 1109 Key St. Alteration-Addition Deferral Norhill Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Ardoin, to defer the application for item C-18. Motion carried unanimously.

C-19. 1112 Jerome St. Alteration – Window Norhill No action needed; administrative review.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE HAHC

Mark Van Doren spoke about a house located at 1422 Heights Boulevard.

Noe Ramirez spoke about the heights of houses, painting houses and the process.

Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel mentioned that the ordinance addresses solar panels in section 33-241.1.(c).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Commission, Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m. Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, and seconded by Commissioner McNeil. Motion carried unanimously.

Minnette Bickel Boesel

Chair

Margaret Wallace Brown
Executive Secretary