

## **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 25, 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 3:05 pm, with a quorum present.

Minnette Bickel Boesel, Chair

Emily Ardoin, Vice Chair

Edie Archer

Arrived at 3:09 p.m. during Chairman's Report

David Bucek

Absent

Ann Collum

John Cosgrove

Jorge Garcia-Herreros

Ben Koush

Sue Lovell

Stephen McNiel

Absent

Urmila Srinivasan

Charles Stava

Dominic Yap

### **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, announced the Historic Heights Guidelines passed City Council this morning and thanked staff and everyone involved for all their hard work getting the Design Guidelines approved, welcomed and introduced newly appointed Commissioner Dominic Yap and congratulated Commissioner Collum and Stava on their reappointment to the Commission. She announced Preservation Houston is now accepting nominations through September 10 for the 2019 Good Brick Awards.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Director's Report was given by Deputy Director, Margaret Wallace Brown. She reported that the Historic planning staff received 40 total Historic applications this month. 11 were administratively reviewed, and 29 are on today's Agenda. Therefore, our 2018 numbers to date are as follows: 206 total applications; 72 administratively reviewed, and 133 heard by this Commission. She also mentioned the Historic Preservation Appeals Board met in July and overturned the decision of the HAHC regarding 911 Arlington Street based on approval of other approval similar project in the

District. The Department received an application for the proposed Cherryhurst Historic District but since then the application has been withdrawn. She announced the Historic Preservation Tracker is in the last stages of development and will go live July 30, she encouraged everyone to test the system by submitting an application.

**MAYOR'S LIAISON REPORT**

None

**APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 22 AND JUNE 14, 2018 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION (HAHC) MEETING MINUTES**

Commission action: Approved the March 22, 2018 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission (HAHC) meeting minutes as amended.

Motion: **Lovell**                      Second: **Archer**                      Vote: **Unanimously**                      Abstaining: **None**

Commission action: Approved the June 14, 2018 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission (HAHC) meeting minutes.

Motion: **Archer**                      Second: **Lovell**                      Vote: **Carries**                      Abstaining: **Collum**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THE HAHC FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE KIRBY MANSION LOCATED AT 2000 SMITH STREET**

Commission agreed to send a letter in support for the preservation of the Kirby Mansion located at 2000 Smith Street.

**B. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR THE CHERRYHURST PARK CLUBHOUSE AT 1700 MISSOURI STREET**

Presentation was given by staff member Lorelei Willett.

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing.

No speakers.

Motion made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Ardoin that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Protected Landmark Designation of the Cherryhurst Park Clubhouse at 1700 Missouri Street. Motion carried unanimously.

**C. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS**

Motion made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Lovell, to consider agenda items C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5, C-6, C-11, C-12, C-13, C-16, C-19, C-23, C-24 and C-25 together. Motion carried unanimously.

1. 1110 W Gray St.	Alteration/Restoration-Addition	LM/The Quality Laundry Building
2. 1977 W Gray St.	Alteration-Sign	LM/River Oaks Shopping Center
3. 1401 Oxford St.	Alteration-Addition	Houston Heights East
4. 1526 Cortlandt St.	Alteration-Addition	Houston Heights East
5. 1526 Cortlandt St.	New Construction-Garage	Houston Heights East
6. 1651 Columbia St.	Alteration-Addition	Houston Heights East
11. 908 Heights Blvd.	Alteration-Addition <i>Deferral</i>	Houston Heights South
12. 519 Arlington St.	Alteration-Window/Porch	Houston Heights South



13. 716 Arlington St.	Alteration-Siding	Houston Heights South
16. 935 W Melwood St.	Alteration-Addition <i>Deferral</i>	Norhill
19. 1001 Le Green St.	Alteration-Windows/Columns/Siding	Norhill
23. 800 Commerce St.	Alteration-Windows	Main Street Market Square
24. 901 Commerce St.	Alteration-Windows/Siding	Main Street Market Square
25. 918 Congress St.	Alteration-Staircase <i>Revision</i>	Main Street Market Square

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Herreros, to grant Certificates of Appropriateness for items C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5, C-6, C-11, C-12, C-13, C-16, C-19, C-23, C-24 and C-25 together. Motion carried with Commissioner Ardoin abstaining. Speakers – Kyle Berg, applicant for item #24 and Jerry Tipps, applicant for item #1 -supportive

- 7. 1637 Cortlandt Blvd. Alteration-Addition Houston Heights East**  
**17. 1109 Key St. Alteration-Addition Norhill**  
**27. 8003 Arletta St. Alteration-Windows Glenbrook Valley**

Motion made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Lovell, to take items C-7, C-17 and C-27 together at this time and deferred all three applications. Motion carried unanimously.

- 8. 1411 Oxford St. Alteration-Addition Houston Heights East**

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Yap, to defer the application for item C-8. Motion carried unanimously.

Speakers: Jeremy McFarland, applicant, Sebastian Pellizzer and William Gross, owners – supportive.

- 9. 1515 Oxford St. New Construction-Residence Houston Heights East**

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Stava, to deny the application item C-9. Motion carried unanimously.

**Commissioner Koush recused himself.**

- 10. 221 E. 5th St. New Construction-Residence Houston Heights South**

Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Herreros, to defer the application for item C-10. Motion carried with Commissioner(s) Archer and Cosgrove opposing.

Speakers: Ben Koush, applicant and Joshua Hopson, owner – supportive.

**Commissioner Koush returned.**

- 14. 1427 Allston St. New Construction-Residence Houston Heights West**

Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Ardoin, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-14 as follows: accept staff's conditions to increase the setback and reduce the door height, but to accept the applicant's currently proposed ridge height.

Motion carried with Commissioner Stava and Yap abstaining.

Speaker: Kalen McNamara, applicant – supportive.

- 15. 1803/1805 Crockett St. New Construction-Residence High First Ward**

Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Yap, to defer the application for item C-15. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Lin Chong – opposed; Kemp Muhlbauer, applicant and Kenneth Williams, owner – supportive.

**18. 1138 Jerome St. Alteration-Addition Norhill**

Administratively approved no action needed.

**20. 1123 W Melwood St. Alteration-Windows Norhill**

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Herrerros, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-20. Motion carried unanimously.

**21. 4636 Oak Ridge St. Alteration-Addition Norhill**

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove, to defer the application for item C-21. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker – Brad Jurgensmeier, applicant/owner – supportive.

**22. 628 Woodland St. Alteration-Addition Woodland Heights**

Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Ardoin, to defer the application for item C-22. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Rob Hellyer, applicant and Henry Terrell, owner – supportive.

**26. 2218 Kane St. New Construction-Garage Old Sixth Ward**

Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Archer, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-26 as submitted by the applicant with condition the applicant works with staff on an appropriately compatible garage door only if it is in the ordinance or design guidelines. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE HAHC**

Lorelei Willett gave the website for the Historic Preservation Tracker and mentioned applications can be submitted starting July 31. She also announced leaving the City of Houston Planning and Development Department and joining the Texas Historical Commission.

Rob Hellyer made comments regarding the online application link not working and mentioned the agendas should be posted 72 hours in advance on the website.

Commissioner Lovell asked when the Design Guidelines would go into effect.

Joshua Hopson asked for suggestions for his application for 221 E. 5th Street that was deferred.

Sebastian Pellizer made comments and suggestions regarding the process for applications.

Commissioner Lovell asked if Google Earth could be added to the screen as a tool to help look at an area of context of an application and she agreed with the previous speaker about the issues with the process. She mentioned that since the department is using a process that is 10 years old, with fewer

people and more applications she suggested that the Department think about how to streamline the process to remedy the issues for the applicant and staff and also, possibly ask for more staff.

Commission Cosgrove requested a copy of the foundation plan for 1803/1805 Crockett when the application comes before the Commission.

Commissioner Ardoin asked about the staff positions and the timeline for the positions being filled.

Commissioner Garcia-Herreros asked how many positions are there and requested that more positions be added.

Commissioner Yap suggested an interim deadline for submitting applications as a solution.

Commissioner Ardoin asked a clarification of the 22 day in advance deadline.

Commissioner Boesel suggested that one or two Commissioners and staff get with the Legal Department and review the deadline and efficiency of the process.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business brought before the Commission, Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel adjourned the meeting at 5:47 pm.

  
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**Minnette Bickel Boesel**  
**Chair**

  
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**Margaret Wallace Brown**  
**Executive Secretary**