Minutes of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission

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April 19, 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

Arrived at 3:12 pm during approval of minutes

Absent

Ann Collum
John Cosgrove

Jorge Garcia-Herreros

Ben Koush

Sue Lovell

Left at 5:29 pm during item #22

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

The Chair, Minnette Bickel Boesel, mentioned that Rice Management Company has decided to repurpose the 1939 Sears building on Main Street as an innovation district, and that the Astrodome Conservancy open house had 25,000 people request tickets to attend the event.

MAYOR'S LIAISON REPORT

Marta Crinejo noted details of the upcoming appeal for 901 Heights going before City Council.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's Report was given by Deputy Director, Margaret Wallace Brown. She reported that the Historic planning staff received 38 total Historic applications this month. 12 were administratively reviewed, and 26 are on today's Agenda. Therefore, our 2018 numbers to date are as follows: 105 total applications; 37 administratively reviewed, and 68 heard by this Commission.

On April 5, the Houston Preservation Appeals Board considered an appeal of the decision of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission on February 22, 2018 for a certificate of appropriateness for 8439 Glencrest Street, in the Glenbrook Valley Historic District. After deliberation,

the Board action was to overturn the decision, in which only 8 of 12 windows were allowed to be replaced. The Applicant on the November 21, 2017 HPAB decision, upholding the HAHC decision for 901 Heights, is appealing to City Council, and the item should be on Council Agenda May 2nd. Update on the Heights Historic District Design Guidelines, due to a procedural error a second Public Hearing will need to be held on May 17 before the HAHC for the Design Guidelines. Should the Commission take action in May the Guidelines will proceed to the Quality of Life Committee the following week. Introduced and welcomed Sarah Fanelli to the Historic Preservation staff.

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

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

Motion: Lovell Second: Ardoin Vote: Carries Abstaining: Cosgrove and Garcia-Herreros

A. PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 33 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES

Presentation was given by staff member Brian Crimmins.

B. CONSIDERATION OF PENDING NOMINATION TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES FOR THE LUCIE WARY AND ANDERSON TODD HOUSE AT 9 SHADOWLAWN CIRCLE

Presentation was given by staff member Lorelei Willett. Comments by Commissioners were in favor of the nomination.

C. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS

Motion made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Archer, to consider agenda items C-1, C-2, C-7, C-8, C-14, C-15, C-19, C-21, C-25 and C-26 together. Motion carried unanimously.

1.	2043 W Gray St.	Alteration-Sign	LM/River Oaks Shopping Center
2.	2605 Crocker St.	Alteration-Siding/Trim	Avondale West
7.	715 Henderson St.	Alteration-Sign/Burglar Bars	Old Sixth Ward
8.	1806 Lubbock St.	Alteration-Addition	Old Sixth Ward
14.	1025 Arlington St.	Alteration-Addition	Houston Heights South
15.	1025 Arlington St.	New Construction-Garage	Houston Heights South
19.	1531 Tulane St.	New Construction-Garage	Houston Heights West
21.	619 Bayland St.	Alteration-Porch	Woodland Heights
25.	215 Emerson St.	Alteration-Addition	Westmoreland
26.	412 Hawthorne St.	Alteration-Chimney/Roof/Windows Renewal Westmoreland	

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Lovell, to grant Certificates of Appropriateness for items C-1, C-2, C-7, C-8, C-14, C-15, C-19, C-21, C-25 and C-26 together. Motion carried unanimously.

C-3. 8014 Glenloch Dr. Alteration-Windows Glenbrook Valley

Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Herreros, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness, and grant a Certificate of Remediation for item C-3, per staff report. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Rodolfo Vaglienty, owner/applicant - supportive

C-4. 2207 Kane St. Alteration-Solar Panels Deferral Old Sixth Ward

Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove, to defer the application for item C-4. Motion carried with Commissioner(s) Archer, Garcia-Herreros, Koush and McNeil opposing.

Speakers: Adrian Melendez – opposed; Daniel Soria, owner/applicant – supportive

C-5. 707 Henderson St. Alteration-Windows Old Sixth Ward

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Ardoin, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-5, per staff report. Motion carried unanimously. Speakers: Gary Nguyen owner/applicant – supportive.

C-6. 915 Henderson St. Alteration-Painted Brick Old Sixth Ward

Motion was made by Commissioner Koush, seconded by Commissioner McNeil, to defer the application for item C-6. Motion carried with Commissioner Lovell opposing.

Speakers: Jennifer Pool, applicant, Keith Trujillo, builder representing owner – supportive

C-9. 927 Fugate St. Alteration-Addition Norhill

Motion was made by Commissioner Koush, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Herreros, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-9 with the condition that 1) the applicant maintain the original location of the existing windows on the east elevation of the existing residence. Motion carried with Commissioner(s) Archer, Cosgrove, Lovell, McNeil and Srinivasan opposing. Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel voted for approval with conditions, breaking the tie vote.

Speaker: Kevin Jensen, owner/applicant - supportive.

C-10. 1105 E 14th St. Alteration-Carport Norhill

Motion was made by Commissioner Koush, seconded by Commissioner Ardoin, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-10 with the condition that 1) the installation of the proposed carport addition feature simpler wood post columns. Motion carried unanimously.

C-11. 1109 Key St. Alteration-Addition Norhill

Motion was made by Commissioner Ardoin, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Herreros to defer the application for item C-11. Motion carried unanimously.

C-12. 1111 E 16th St. New Construction – Carport Norhill

Motion was made by Commissioner Koush, seconded by Commissioner Lovell, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-12 with the condition that 1) the roof of the carport structure is 6 inches away from the existing garage. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Tom Johns, applicant – supportive.

C-13. 1112 Jerome St. Alteration-Windows Norhill

Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Herreros, to defer the application for item C-13. Motion carried unanimously.

C-16. 1136 Allston St. Alteration-Addition Houston Heights West

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Ardoin, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-16 with the condition(s) that: 1) the second story is inset by 6", and 2) the first floor soffit is extended to rear of building, on both sides of existing house. Motion carried with Commissioner McNeil opposing.

Speaker: Kathleen Taus, applicant - supportive.

C-17. 1425 Tulane St. Alt-Addition/Windows/Foundation Houston Heights West Motion was made by Commissioner Koush, seconded by Commissioner Stava, to partially approve

the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-17 per staff report. Motion carried with Commissioner(s) Lovell and McNeil opposing.

Speakers: Jeff Russell, owner, Mark Van Doren, applicant - supportive.

C-18. 1531 Tulane 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-18 with the condition that 1) the applicant maintain the original location of the north window in the existing second-story front gable. Motion carried with Commissioner(s) Cosgrove, Lovell and McNeil opposing.

Speaker: Sam Gianukos, applicant - supportive.

C-20. 1226 Cortlandt St. Alteration-Addition/Roof Houston Heights East

Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Ardoin, to defer the application for item C-20. Motion carried unanimously.

C-22. 510 Omar St. Alteration-Addition Woodland Heights

Motion was made by Commissioner McNeil, seconded by Commissioner Ardoin, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-22 with the condition that 1) the transoms be removed from the addition. Motion carried with Commissioner(s) Archer, Bucek, Koush and Srinivasan opposing. Speaker: Dillon Kyle, applicant – supportive.

C-23. 728 Bayland St. Alteration-Addition Woodland Heights

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Koush, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-23. Motion carries with Commissioner(s) Ardoin, Garcia-Herreros and Stava opposing.

C-24. 509 Teetshorn St. Alteration-Addition Revision Woodland Heights

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Ardoin, to defer the application for item C-24. Motion carried with Commissioner McNeil opposing.

D. DISCUSSION ON CAMP LOGAN / MEMORIAL PARK LANDMARK DESIGNATION

Commissioner Garcia-Herreros commented that he and the Memorial Park Conservancy are working on this landmark designation.

E. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE HAHC

Commissioner(s) Bucek and McNeil commented about first floor elevations and Chapter 19 flood plain regulations, and that a consistent measurement guide would be helpful.

Deputy Director Margaret Wallace-Brown commented that of all historic districts, only a small portion are in the 500 year floodplain, being 2 lots in Heights East.

Kathleen Powell also commented on Ch. 19.

Commissioner McNeil commented about educational measures regarding window replacements, especially in Glenbrook Valley.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Commission, Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m. Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, and seconded by Commissioner Ardoin. Motion carried unanimously.

Minnette Bickel Boesel

Chair

Margaret Wallace Brown
Executive Secretary