Minutes of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission

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May 16, 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 3:04 p.m. with a quorum present.

Minnette Bickel Boesel, Chair

Edie Archer

David Bucek

Ann Collum

Absent

John Cosgrove

Jorge Garcia-Herreros

Ben Koush

Absent

Sue Lovell

Stephen McNiel

Urmila Srinivasan

Absent

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 announced that Emancipation Avenue in Third Ward was selected by the Texas Historical Commission for the Main Street City program, and that UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, has designated several Houston historic sites as part of the Slave Route Project which is dedicated to helping better understand slavery throughout the world.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Margaret Wallace Brown announced activity numbers: 51 applications this month; 23 administratively approved, and 28 on today's agenda. By comparison, in December of 2017, there were 21 applications instead of 51, and 10 on the agenda instead of 28. An historic preservation training CAMP (Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program) is planned for Saturday, June 22. Houston Preservation Appeals Board met on three items on April 29, and the May 20 meeting on two items was cancelled due to notification issues. More information about new historic tax credit provisions will be reported on in the future. Audio Visual representative Carlos Gonzalez-Rimbau is retiring, and he will be missed.

MAYOR'S LIAISON REPORT NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 21 AND APRIL 17, 2019 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION (HAHC) MEETING MINUTES

Commission action: Approved the March 21 and April 17, 2019 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission (HAHC) meeting minutes, with the correction that Commissioner Lovell was absent for the April meeting.

Motion: Bucek Second: Yap Vote: Unanimous Abstaining: None

A. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR THE FIRST SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH AT 4420 LYONS

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Yap, seconded by Commissioner Lovell, that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Protected Landmark Designation of the First Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church at 4420 Lyons. Motion carried unanimously.

B. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CERTIFICATE OF NON-DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR 3275 SUMMER STREET

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Bucek, that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission issue a certificate of Non-Designation for 3275 Summer Street. Motion carried with Commissioners Garcia-Herreros, Stava, and Yap abstaining.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Archer, to consider items C-3, C-7, C-8, C-10, C-11, C-12, C-15, C-16, C-17, C-19 and C-20 together. Motion passed unanimously.

- C-3. 207 Stratford St Restoration-Roof Avondale Approve
- C-7. 1825 Arlington St Demolition-Residence Houston Heights East Approve
- C-8. 1245 Cortlandt St Alteration-Addition/Windows Houston Heights East Revision Approve
- C-10. 1802 Harvard St Alteration-Roof Houston Heights East Approve
- C-11. 737 Columbia St Alteration-Addition Houston Heights South Approve
- C-12. 1432 Ashland St New Construction-Garage Houston Heights West Approve

- C-15. 1138 Jerome St Alteration-Door Norhill Approve
- C-16. 1138 Jerome St Demolition-Garage Norhill Approve
- C-17. 1139 Fugate St Demolition-Garage Norhill Approve
- C-19. 1128 W Temple St Demolition-Garage Norhill Approve
- C-20. 1111 Le Green St Alteration-Addition Norhill Approve

Motion made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Archer, to accept staff recommendations for items C-3, C-7, C-8, C-10, C-11, C-12, C-15, C-16, C-17, C-19 and C-20. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Stava and Yap recused themselves.

Motion made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Bucek, to consider items C-5, C-24, C-25, C-26, and C-27 and C-28 together. Motion carried unanimously.

- C-5. 1911 Crocket St New Construction Residence Approve
- C-24. 2213 Decatur St New Construction-Accessory Structure Old Sixth Ward Approve
- C-25. 2217 Decatur St Alteration-Addition/Porch Old Sixth Ward Approve
- C-26. 2219 Decatur St Alteration-Addition Old Sixth Ward Approve
- C-27. 2215 Kane St Alteration-Roof Old Sixth Ward Approve
- C-28. 1810 Decatur St Alteration-Door Old Sixth Ward Defer at Applicant's Request

Motion made by Commissioner Archer, seconded by Commissioner Lovell, to accept staff recommendations for agenda items C-5, C-24, C-25, C-26, C-27 and C-28. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Yap returned.

C-22. 711 Pizer St Alteration - Windows/Canopy - Norhill - Approve

Motion was made by Commissioner Archer, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-22. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Stava returned.

C-1. 1976 W Gray St - Alteration-Windows/Siding River Oaks Shopping Center

Motion was made by Commissioner Archer, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Herreros, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-1. Motion carried unanimously. Speaker: Paige Burbank, applicant- supportive.

C-2. 428 Westmoreland St - Alteration-Windows/Door/Siding - Westmoreland/Elbert C. Crawford House /PLM

Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Archer, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-2, with the condition that door and window locations

are swapped, and new elevations provided to staff. Motion carried with Commissioner Garcia-Herreros abstaining.

Speaker: Kathy Hubbard, applicant – supportive.

C-4. 7955 Glenbrae St - Alteration-Windows/Door/Siding - Glenbrook Valley

Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-4. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove, to issue a Certificate of Remediation per staff recommendation, with the additional condition that mill finished aluminum windows are to be used. Motion carried unanimously.

C-6. 1627 Arlington St - Alteration-Addition - Houston Heights East

Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Archer, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-6. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Katie Lance, applicant – supportive.

C-9. 1802 Harvard St - Alteration-Roof/Addition - Houston Heights East

Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner McNiel, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-9, with the condition that the slope on the non-original dormer have a 12:12 roof pitch, and that the addition is further differentiated from the historic house with different siding material or reveal. Motion carried with Commissioner Yap opposing. Speaker(s): Jorge Arreola, applicant, Leslie King and Jan Greer – supportive.

C-13. 523 W 15th St - Alteration-Addition - Houston Heights West

Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner McNiel, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-13. Motion carried with Commissioner Stava abstaining.

Speaker(s): Rob Hellyer, applicant and Mariadthe Leach – supportive.

C-14. 523 W 15th St - New Construction-Garage - Houston Heights West

Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner McNiel, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-14. Motion carried unanimously.

C-18. 5307 North Main St - Alteration-Sign - Norhill

Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Herreros, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-18. Motion carried unanimously.

C-21. 1031 Le Green St - Alteration-Windows - Norhill

Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Bucek, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-21. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Lovell, to issue a Certificate of Remediation with the condition that the applicant shall use the four salvaged wood windows, obtained by the applicant, for windows A and B on the front elevation. The head of the windows shall match the historic relationship with the upper horizontal trim. General trim around the windows shall match the other historic windows. Window C shall be replaced with a 1/1 2'6" x 2'6" window

and positioned below the frieze board. The frieze board shall be restored. The windows will be positioned within the existing openings and will have wider trim board between them to compensate for the narrower windows. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Luke Fidler, applicant – supportive.

Commissioner Stava recused himself.

C-23. 2212 Decatur St - Alteration-Porch - Old Sixth Ward

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Herreros, to conditionally approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item C-23, with the condition that porch guardrails be per staff approval, rather than turned spindles. Motion carried with Commissioners Archer, Lovell and McNiel opposing.

Speaker: Roy de la Garza, applicant – supportive.

Commissioner Stava returned.

D. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Stephen Longmire commented about violations of permit conditions, and unclear permit forms, citing a recent violation at 4105 Garrott St. He also commented that a new Arabic immersion school is moving into the former High School for the Performing and Visual Arts.

E. COMMENTS FROM THE HAHC

Commissioner Bucek commented about 1911 Crockett St. being a good example of livability. Commissioner McNiel offered to share his expertise on windows. Commissioner Lovell thanked staff for their efforts.

F. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Commission, Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel adjourned the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

Minnette Bickel Boese

Chair

Margaret Wallace Brown

Executive Secretary