

Minutes of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission

(A CD/DVD of the full proceedings is on file in the Planning and Development Department)

June 13, 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 Absent

David Bucek

Ann Collum Absent

John Cosgrove

Jorge Garcia-Herrerros

Ben Koush

Sue Lovell Left at 5:21 p.m. during item D-21

Stephen McNiel Left at 5:51 p.m. during Public Comments

Urmila Srinivasan

Charles Stava

Dominic Yap Left at 5:52 p.m. during Public Comments

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 Interstate Highway 45 public input is being sought by TxDOT. She recognized and thanked outgoing Commissioners Lovell, Archer, and Garcia-Herrerros.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Margaret Wallace Brown announced that historic preservation training CAMP (Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program) program is June 22, at the Houston Heights Fire Station instead of at the Heritage Society. The Houston Preservation Appeals Board (HPAB) meets Monday morning, June 24, 9 am, regarding the 1031 Le Green Street appeal.

MAYOR'S LIAISON REPORT

NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 16, 2019 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION (HAHC) MEETING MINUTES

Commission action: Approved the May 16, 2019 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission (HAHC) meeting minutes, with clarification made to Chair's Report.

Motion: **McNiel** Second: **Lovell** Vote: **Carries** Abstaining: **Kousch, Srinivasan**

A. CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Motion was made by Commissioner Yap, seconded by Commissioner Lovell, that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission elect Commissioner Bucek as Vice Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

B. TAX CREDIT REPORT

A report was presented by Margaret Wallace Brown about City of Houston Historic Tax Exemptions. A flier is available with details about these exemptions, which are not credits.

C. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR THE JOHN E. ZEMANEK HOUSE (GAIA #1) AT 1723 COLQUITT STREET

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Herrerros, that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Protected Landmark Designation application for the John E. Zemanek house (Gaia #1) at 1723 Colquitt Street. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner McNiel, to consider items D-1, D-2, D-5, D-7, D-9, D-14, D-15, D-16, D-17, D-19 and D-20 together. Motion passed unanimously.

D-1. 1976 W Gray St – Alteration – Door – River Oaks Shopping Center – Approve

D-2. 2001A W Gray St – Alteration – Sign - River Oaks Shopping Center – Approve

**D-5. 537 Frasier St – New Construction – Residence – Freeland –
Defer per applicant request**

**D-7. 503 E 16th St – Alteration – Addition – Houston Heights East –
Defer per applicant request**

**D-9. 429 Oxford St – Alteration – Addition – Houston Heights South –
Defer per applicant request**

D-14. 701 Arlington St – Alteration – Foundation – Houston Heights West – Approve

D-15. 1128 Winston – Alteration - Roof/Windows – Norhill – Approve

D-16. 1120 Jerome St – Demolition – Garage – Norhill – Approve

D-17. 1109 Key St – Alteration – Addition – Norhill – Defer per applicant request

D-19. 1810 Decatur St – Alteration – Door – Old Sixth Ward – Defer per applicant request

D-20. 512 Hawthorne St – New Construction – Garage – Westmoreland – Approve

Motion made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Lovell, to accept staff recommendations for items D-1, D-2, D-5, D-7, D-9, D-14, D-15, D-16, D-17, D-19 and D-20. Motion passed unanimously.

D-3. 1059 Kirby Dr – Demolition - Residence - TJ and Ruth Bettes House/Landmark
Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D-3. Motion carried unanimously. Recognizing that the property is not a protected landmark and as a result may be demolished after 90 days, the Commission specifically voiced its strong opposition to this demolition proposal due to this structure's significant history, and requested their opposition be noted in the minutes.
Speaker(s): Joann Warren, applicant and Mario Lerma - supportive; Saneera Sakhyani – opposed.

D-4. 4105 Garrett St - Alteration-Porch - First Montrose Commons
Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D-4. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner McNeil, to issue a Certificate of Remediation for the reconstruction of the portico with the condition that it be identical to the original portico removed; requiring that any original materials that can be salvaged, and are safe for use, be used in the reconstruction; and that fragile materials be reinforced to a usable condition. Additionally, the unusable materials should be rebuilt to the original specifications. Motion carried unanimously.
Speaker(s): Stephen Longmire, opposed; Pete Stockton, Houston Public Works.

D-6. 209 ½ E Woodland St - Alteration – Addition–Germantown
Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D-6. Motion carried with Commissioner Yap opposed.

D-8. 1241 Arlington St -Alteration – Porch/Roof Houston Heights East
Motion was made by Commissioner Srinivasen, seconded by Commissioner Lovell, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D-8. Motion carried unanimously.

D-10. 417 W 12th St - Alteration - Siding/Windows - Houston Heights West
Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner McNeil, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D-10. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Commissioner McNeil, seconded by Commissioner Lovell, to issue a Certificate of Remediation, with the additional condition that all 13 1/1 windows and 2 dormer windows will be replaced with salvaged windows and window and door trim and staff will review the salvaged windows before they are to be installed. The siding will be left as is. Motion carried unanimously.

Items D-11, D-12 and D-13 were taken together at this time.

- D-11. 1235 Yale St- Demolition - Residence - Houston Heights West**
- D-12. 1239 Yale St- Demolition - Residence - Houston Heights West**
- D-13. 1243 Yale St- Demolition - Residence Houston Heights West**

Motion was made by Commissioner Yap, seconded by Commissioner Lovell, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for items D-11, D-12 and D-13. Motion carried unanimously. Speaker(s): Virginia Angermiller, owner, Rainey Richardson, Chris Newhouse and Robert Wood - supportive; Saneera Sakhyani, Mark Williamson and Kathleen Powell - opposed.

D-18. 903 Taylor St - Alteration – Addition - Old Sixth Ward

Motion was made by Commissioner McNeil, seconded by Commissioner Bucek, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D-18. Motion carried unanimously.

D-21. 512 Hawthorne St - Alteration - Windows/Doors - Westmoreland

Motion was made by Commissioner McNeil, seconded by Commissioner Koush, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D-21, per the applicant's request. Motion carried with Commissioner(s) Yap and Garcia-Herreros opposed.

Speaker: Rogelio O. Carrasco, supportive.

E. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Kathleen Powell commented about enforcement issues at 1526 Courtland.

F. COMMENTS FROM THE HAHC

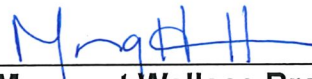
NONE

G. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Commission, Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m.



Minnette Bickel Boesel
Chair



Margaret Wallace Brown
Executive Secretary