

Minutes of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission

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September 26, 2019

Meeting held in
Council Chambers, Public Level, City Hall Annex
3:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Michael Kramer called the meeting to order at 3:22 p.m. with a quorum present.

Minnette Bickel Boesel, Chair	Absent
David Bucek, Vice Chair	Absent
Jose Aranda, Jr.	Absent
Steven Curry - Absent	
Ann Collum	
John Cosgrove	
Beth Wiedower Jackson	
Ashley Elizabeth Jones	
Ben Koush	Left at 5:25 p.m. during item A-17
Stephen McNiel	
Urmila Srinivasan	
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

NOMINATION AND APPROVAL OF A COMMISSIONER TO SUBSTITUTE AS CHAIR FOR THIS MEETING IN THE ABSENCE OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Yap, for Commissioner Cosgrove to serve as Substitute Chair for this meeting in the absence of Chair and Vice Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

CHAIR'S REPORT

NONE

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Michael Kramer reported that the Department is working on rebuilding the Historic team, and that Chapter 33 revision information is available on the Department web page.

MAYOR'S LIAISON REPORT

NONE

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

Commission action: Approved the August 21, 2019 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission (HAHC) meeting minutes.

Motion: **Collum** Second: **Wiedower Jackson** Vote: **Unanimous** Abstaining: **None**

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

Motion made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, to consider items **A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, A-5, A-6, A-7, A-8, A-9, A-10, A-13, A-14, A-19, A-20 and A-21** together. Motion carried unanimously.

- A-1. 1955 W Gray Street - Alteration-Sign - River Oaks Shopping Center/LM - APPROVE**
- A-2. 1217 Tulane Street - Alteration-Addition/Foundation – Houston Heights West - APPROVE**
- A-3. 1219 Tulane Street - Alteration-Addition/Foundation – Houston Heights West - APPROVE**
- A-4. 1701 Harvard Street - New Construction-Carport - Houston Heights East - APPROVE**
- A-5. 1112 Ashland Street - Alteration-Addition - Houston Heights West - DEFER PER APPLICANTS REQUEST**
- A-6. 8011 Glen Valley Drive - Alteration-Door - Glenbrook Valley - DEFER PER APPLICANTS REQUEST**
- A-7. 1515 Harvard Street - Alteration-Addition – Deferral - Houston Heights East - APPROVE**
- A-8. 1515 Harvard Street - New Construction-Carport/Residence - Houston Heights East - APPROVE**
- A-9. 449 W 19th Street - Alteration-Awning/Sign -Heights Water Works/PLM - APPROVE**
- A-10. 1800 Texas Avenue - Relocation-Residence/Commercial Bldg. - Arthur B. Cohn House/PLM - APPROVE**
- A-13. 1319 Harvard Street - Alteration-Addition - Houston Heights East - APPROVE**
- A-14. 1416 Rutland Street - Alteration-Addition/Porch Deferral - Houston Heights West - DEFER PER APPLICANT’S REQUEST**
- A-19. 1515 Rutland Street - Alteration-Addition - Houston Heights West - DEFER PER APPLICANTS REQUEST**
- A-20. 3107 Beauchamp Street - Alteration-Addition/Foundation - Woodland Heights - DEFER PER APPLICANTS REQUEST**
- A-21. 449 W 19TH Street – Alteration – Storefront- Heights Water Works/PLM - APPROVE**

Motion made by Commissioner Yap, seconded by Commissioner Koush, to approve items **A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, A-5, A-6, A-7, A-8, A-9, A-10, A-13, A-14, A-19, A-20, and A-21**. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Kousch and McNiel recused themselves.

A-11. 7911 Santa Elena Street - Alteration-Window - Glenbrook Valley

Motion was made by Commissioner Srinivasan, seconded by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-11 as submitted by applicant, due to stated safety concerns. Motion carried with Commissioner Yap opposed.

Speaker: Ben Koush, applicant – supportive, Pete Stockton, Houston Public Works.

Commissioners Kousch and McNiel returned.

A-12. 7702 Glenheath Street - Alteration-Windows - Glenbrook Valley

Motion was made by Commissioner Yap, seconded by Commissioner McNiel, to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-12. Motion carried unanimously.

A-15. 1815 State Street - Alteration-Addition/Foundation – Deferral - Old Sixth Ward

Motion was made by Commissioner McNiel, seconded by Commissioner Koush, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-15 as submitted by the applicant. Motion carried with Commissioners Collum, Jones, Stava, and Yap opposed, and with Chair Cosgrove voting in favor to break the tie vote.

Speakers: Andrew Tharp, Kathleen Powell, Mandy McGowen, Ben Nguyen, Claude Anello, Harry Gendel, Jane West, Michael Morrow – supportive, Ryan Trainer – opposed.

A-16. 2114 Decatur Street - Alteration-Foundation/Porch/Balcony - Old Sixth Ward

Motion was made by Commissioner Koush, seconded by Commissioner McNiel, to partially approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-16 per staff recommendation to allow raised foundation and deny removal of porch, per staff recommendation. Motion carried with Commissioner Yap opposed and Commissioner Stava abstaining.

Speakers: Spencer Wheat, applicant, Andrew Tharp, Mary Hollis Clarkson, Mandy McGowen, Ben Nguyen, Claude Anello – supportive.

A-17. 2114 Decatur Street - Alteration-Addition/Windows - Old Sixth Ward

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Yap, to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-17. Motion carried unanimously.

Speakers: Spencer Wheat, applicant, Mandy McGowen, Ben Nguyen, Claude Anello – supportive.

A-18. 1715 South Boulevard - Alteration-Addition/Windows - Boulevard Oaks

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Srinivasan, to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-18. Motion carried unanimously.

Speakers: Gina Brown, Applicant, Allison Jordan, Zach Jordan – supportive,

A-22. 1745 North Boulevard - New Construction-Residence/Garage - Boulevard Oaks

Motion was made by Commissioner McNiel, seconded by Commissioner Collum, to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-22. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
NONE**

C. COMMENTS FROM THE HAHC

Mike Kramer commented that Sarah Fanelli is leaving the Department, and he and the Commission expressed appreciation for her work. Sarah Fanelli commented that she has accepted a new cultural heritage position out of the Country. Various Commissioners commented about flooding concerns.

D. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Commission, Substitute Chair John Cosgrove adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.



**John Cosgrove
Substitute Chair**



**Michael Kramer
Executive Secretary**