

Minutes of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission

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November 21, 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 3:10 p.m. with a quorum present.

Minnette Bickel Boesel, Chair

David Bucek, Vice Chair

Jose Aranda, Jr. Absent

Steven Curry

Ann Collum Absent

John Cosgrove

Beth Wiedower Jackson

Ashley Elizabeth Jones

Ben Koush

Stephen McNiel

Urmila Srinivasan Absent

Charles Stava Absent

Dominic Yap

EXOFFICIO MEMBERS

Samantha Bruer, Architectural Archivist, Houston Metropolitan Research Center

Marta Crinejo, Mayor's Liaison

Executive Secretary

Margaret Wallace Brown, Director, Planning and Development

CHAIR'S REPORT

NONE

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Margaret Wallace Brown asked for grace and forgiveness for some of the challenges the Historic Preservation office has faced, and her continued gratitude to Commissioner Yap for assisting staff. She introduced Yasmin Arslan the newest addition to the Historic Preservation team. She noted that approximately 10 administrative COAs were approved in October since the last meeting, and staff is currently reviewing 15 COAs for approvals next week.

MAYOR'S LIAISON REPORT

NONE

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 24, 2019 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION (HAHC) MEETING MINUTES

Commission action: Approved the October 24, 2019 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission (HAHC) meeting minutes.

Motion: **Yap** Second: **Cosgrove** Vote: **Unanimously** Abstaining: **None**

A. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR THE PROSPECT MEDICAL BUILDING AT 2601 PROSPECT STREET, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77004

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Jones, that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Protected Landmark Designation application for the Prospect Medical Building at 2601 Prospect Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Karen Fain, applicant – supportive.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to consider items **B-1, B-3, B-4, B-5, B-6, B-10, B-12, B-16, B-17, B-18, B-19, B-20 and B-21** together. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to remove item **B-4** from the list of items to be considered together, and to consider it separately. Motion carried unanimously.

- B-1. 701 Kipling St. - New Construction - Residence - Audubon Place - Approve**
- B-3. 618 Branard St. - New Construction - Residence/Garage - First Montrose Commons - Approve**
- B-5. 7915 Glenscott St. - Alteration - Siding/Windows - Glenbrook Valley - Defer**
- B-6. 922 Columbia St. - Alteration - Addition - Houston Heights South - Defer**
- B-10. 1531 Allston St. - Alteration - Addition - Houston Heights West - Approve**
- B-12. 1301 Tulane St. - Alteration - Porch/Windows - Houston Heights West - Defer**
- B-16. 1753 North Blvd. - Alteration - Addition - LM - Simon and Mamie Minchen House - Approve**
- B-17. 3201 Allen Parkway - Alteration - Commercial Bldg. - LM - Star Engraving Company Building - Approve**
- B-18. 924 W Cottage St. - Demolition - Garage - Norhill - Approve**
- B-19. 924 W Cottage St. - New Construction - Garage - Norhill - Approve**
- B-20. 1139 Fugate St. - Alteration - Addition - Norhill - Approve**
- B-21. 4202 Watson St. - Alteration - Siding/Trim - Norhill - Defer**

Motion made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Bucek, to accept staff recommendations for items **B-1, B-3, B-5, B-6, B-10, B-12, B-16, B-17, B-18, B-19, B-20 and B-21**. Motion carried unanimously.

B-2. 505 Avondale St. - New Construction - Carport - Avondale West

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Yap, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-2. Motion carried unanimously.

B-4. 3806 Garrett St. - Alteration - Roof - First Montrose Commons

Motion was made by Commissioner McNiel, seconded by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-4. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Steven Longmire - undecided.

Commissioner McNiel recused himself.

B-7. 820 Arlington St. - Alteration - Residence - Houston Heights South

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Koush, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-7 with the conditions of no gable window, and to raise home to 32" finished floor height.

Speaker: Steven McNiel, applicant – supportive.

B-8. 820 Arlington St. - New Construction - Garage - Houston Heights South

Motion was made by Commissioner Koush, seconded by Commissioner Bucek, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-8. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Steven McNiel, applicant – supportive.

Commissioner McNiel returned.

B-9. 702 Cortlandt St. - Alteration - Addition - Houston Heights South

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner McNiel, to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-9. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker – Michael Branda, applicant – supportive.

B-11. 523 W 15th St. - New Construction - Residence/Garage - Houston Heights West

Motion was made by Commissioner Koush, seconded by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-11, with the condition to increase the west side setback to 5 ft, to comply with the Heights Design Guidelines.

B-13. 1524 Ashland St. - Relocation - Residence - Houston Heights West

Motion was made by Commissioner Yap, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-13. Motion carried with Commissioner Wiedower Jackson abstaining.

Speaker: Justin Patterson, applicant – supportive.

B-14. 2910 Lazy Lane Blvd. - Alteration - Residence - LM - Hugo V. Neuhaus Jr. House

Motion was made by Commissioner Koush, seconded by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-14. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Edward Bullock, applicant - supportive.

B-15. 3247 Inwood Dr. - Demolition - Residence - LM - Lucien Carroll House

Motion was made by Commissioner Koush, seconded by Commissioner McNiel, to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-15. Motion carried unanimously.

B-22 1131 Le Green St. - Alteration - Addition - Norhill - Administratively Approved

B-23. 1135 W Gardner Street. - Alteration - Residence - Norhil

Motion was made by Commissioner Yap, seconded by Commissioner Koush, to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-23. Motion carried unanimously.

B-24. 1716 Lubbock St. - Restoration - Residence - Old Sixth Ward

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-24. Motion carried with Commissioner Yap abstaining.

C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Steven Longmire spoke about 609 Colquitt and the removal of material while the property was being cleaned inside, and asked for help to inform homeowners of the process to restore properties.

George Joseph spoke about a contractor changing out 7 windows at his restaurant ,Common Bond Café and Bakery in the Water Works building, without the Commission's approval. He requested help to get temporary occupancy for the restaurant, so they can open.

Brinn Miracle also spoke about the restaurant regarding a separate application for signage that was also put on hold.

D. COMMENTS FROM THE HAHC

Commissioner McNeil asked the Department to help the restaurant owner get a Certificate of Remediation in order to have the windows replaced.

Commissioner Boesel asked about the status of the draft amendments to Chapter 33.

Commissioner Yap asked for a brief update on the Design Guidelines.

Roman McAllen spoke about the Common Bond application.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Commission, Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel adjourned the meeting at 5:41 p.m.



Minnette Bickel Boesel
Chair



Margaret Wallace Brown
Executive Secretary