

Minutes of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission

(A recording of the full proceedings is on file in the Planning and Development Department)

September 24, 2020

Telephonic/Videoconference Meeting held via Microsoft Teams <https://bit.ly/3ijVqcK>

3:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. with a roll call vote and a quorum present.

Minnette Bickel Boesel, Chair

David Bucek, Vice Chair

Arrived at 3:39 p.m. during item B-1

Steven Curry

Ann Collum

John Cosgrove

Ashley Elizabeth Jones

Ben Koush

Stephen McNiel

Arrived 3:08 during minutes approval

Rhonda Sepulveda

Absent

Urmila Srinivasan

Absent

Charles Stava

Beth Wiedower Jackson

Arrived 3:08 during minutes approval

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

Minette Boesel commented about the National Trust Conference in October.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Margaret Wallace Brown welcomed new Commissioner Rhonda Sepulveda to Position Four, who will attend the meeting in November. She congratulated the seven other reappointed Commissioners. New staff member Audrey Kelly was introduced, who joined us on September 21, fully staffing the Historic Preservation team. The next HAHC meeting is November 18.

MAYOR'S LIAISON REPORT

Marta Crinejo congratulated the Commission reappointments and new appointee.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION (HAHC) MEETING MINUTES

Commission action: Approved the September 2, 2020 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission (HAHC) meeting minutes.

Motion: **Curry** Second: **Stava** Vote: **Unanimous** Abstaining: **None**

A. CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL TOWERS AT 1709 DRYDEN RD, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77030

Motion was made by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove, to approve the landmark designation application for Medical Towers at 1709 Dryden Rd, Houston, Texas 77030 and forwarded to City Council. Motion carried unanimously. Speakers: – Prabhath Boya, owner, Bill Franks and Anna Mod – supportive.

B. CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Yap, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to consider items **B-2, B-4, B-5, B-6, B-7, B-9, B-15 and B-16** together. Motion carried unanimously.

B-2. 3602 Macgregor Way – New Construction - Garage – Landmark – Approve

B-4. 1109 Arlington St. – Alteration - Addition, Foundation, Door, Windows, Porch/Balcony, Roof – Houston Heights East – Approve

B-5. 1109 Arlington St. – New Construction - Garage – Houston Heights East – Approve

B-6. 400 Omar St. – Alteration - Addition – Woodland Heights – Approve

B-7. 623 Omar St. – Addition, Roof, Other - Woodland Heights – Approve

B-9. 415 Arlington St. – New Construction - Garage – Houston Heights South – Approve

B-15. 1127 Jerome St. – Alteration - Addition – Norhill – Approve

B-16. 411 Highland St. – Alteration - Addition – Woodland Heights – Approve

Motion was made by Commissioner Yap, seconded by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, to accept staff recommendations for items **B-2, B-4, B-5, B-6, B-7, B-9, B-15 and B-16**. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Yap, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to consider items **B-10, B-11, B-12, B-13 and B-14** together. Motion carried with Commissioner Yap opposing.

B-10. 1336 Tulane St. – Alteration - Addition – Houston Heights West – Approve

B-11. 1336 Tulane St. – New Construction - Garage – Houston Heights West – Approve

B-12. 743 Arlington St. – Alteration - Addition, Foundation, Roof – Houston Heights South – Approve with Conditions

B-13. 1314 Harvard St. – Alteration - Addition, Siding or Trim, Doors, Windows, Roof – Houston Heights East – Approve with Conditions

B-14. 1139 Jerome St. – Alteration - Addition – Norhill – Approve

Motion was made by Commissioner Curry, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove, to accept staff recommendations for items **B-10, B-11, B-12, B-13 and B-14**. Motion carried with Commissioner Yap opposing.

B-1. 2 Waverly Court – Alteration - Window, Garage – Protected Landmark

Motion was made by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Stava, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-1. Motion carried unanimously. Speakers: Jennifer Ellzey, owner and Dillon Kyle, architect – supportive.

B-3. 105 Payne Street – Alteration – Addition – Germantown

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Yap, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-3, due to unique physical characteristics. Motion carried with Commissioners Bucek, Curry, McNiel and Koush opposing. Speaker: Kelsey Frias, applicant – supportive.

B-8. 623 Omar – New Construction – Garage – Woodland Heights

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-8. Motion carried unanimously. Speakers: Sarah Thayer, owner and Kevin Walton, applicant – supportive.

B-17. 901 Heights Boulevard – Alteration – Addition, Roof – Houston Heights South

Motion was made by Commissioner Yap, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to defer the application for item B-17. Motion carried unanimously.

C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

NONE

D. COMMENTS FROM THE HAHC

Commissioner Yap asked for clarification on abstaining from a vote.
Commissioner McNiel asked about context area of the application on staff reports.

E. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Commission, Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel adjourned the meeting at 4:49 p.m.

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