

Minutes of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission

June 17, 2021

Telephonic/Videoconference Meeting held via Microsoft Teams <https://bit.ly/3ct6mnu>

2:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. with a roll call vote and a quorum present.

Minnette Bickel Boesel, Chair	
David Bucek, Vice Chair	Absent
Steven Curry	
Ann Collum	
John Cosgrove	Absent
Ashley Elizabeth Jones	
Ben Koush	
Stephen McNeil	Absent
Rhonda Sepulveda	
Urmila Srinivasan	
Charles Stava	
Beth Wiedower Jackson	
Dominic Yap	Absent

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

Minnette Boesel spoke about the Texas Supreme Court voting in favor of the Houston Preservation ordinance. Also, she commented about Commissioner Curry speaking at staff's Glenbrook Valley educational workshop on June 24.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Margaret Wallace Brown commented about City-wide and Freedmen's Town Heritage District creations, and the upcoming Glenbrook Valley workshop.

MAYOR'S LIAISON REPORT

Marta Crinejo, Mayor's Liaison spoke about the Brent landmark and the William H. Curtain House, a protected landmark, which are going before City Council soon.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 20, 2021 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION (HAHC) MEETING MINUTES

Commission action: Approved the May 20, 2021 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission (HAHC) meeting minutes.

Motion: **Sepulveda** Second: **Stava** Vote: **Unanimously** Abstaining: **None**

A. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION FOR THE ELDORADO BALLROOM AT 2310 ELGIN STREET, HOUSTON, TX 77004.

The Chair open and closed the public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve the protected landmark designation for the Eldorado Ballroom at 2310 Elgin Street, Houston, Tx 77004, and forwarded to City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Speakers: Eureka Gilkey, applicant and Amanda Barry – supportive.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Srinivasan, to consider items **B-2, B-3, B-4, B-5, B-6, B-7, B-8, B-11, B-12, B-13, B-17 and B-20** together. Motion carried unanimously.

B-2. 920 Key St – Alteration - Addition, Foundation, Siding or Trim, Doors, Windows, Porch or Balcony, Roof – Norhill – Approve

B-3. 801 Cortlandt St – Alteration - Addition, Foundation, Siding or Trim, Doors, Windows, Roof – Houston Heights West – Approve

B-4. 1026 Arlington St – Alteration - Addition, Foundation, Siding or Trim, Doors, Windows, Porch or Balcony, Chimney, Roof – Houston Heights South – Approve

B-5. 1026 Arlington St – New Construction - Garage or Carport – Houston Heights South – Approve

B-6. 922 Arlington St – Alteration - Siding or Trim, Windows, Roof – Houston Heights South – Approve

B-7. 112 Stratford St – Alteration - Addition, Windows – Avondale East – Approve

B-8. 514 Woodland St – Alteration - Addition - Woodland Heights – Approve

B-11. 1128 Walling St – Alteration - Porch or Balcony – Norhill – Approve with Conditions

B-12. 1006 W Cottage St - Alteration - Windows, Porch or Balcony – Norhill – Approve with Conditions

B-13. 1609 Columbia St – Alteration - Roof - Houston Heights East – Approve

B-17. 1702 North Boulevard – Alteration - Addition, Foundation, Siding or Trim, Doors, Windows, Porch or Balcony, Roof, Awning or Canopy – Boulevard Oaks – Approve

B-20. 4018 Oak Ridge St – Alteration - Addition, Foundation, Siding or Trim, Doors, Windows, Porch or Balcony, Roof – Norhill – Approve

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to accept staff recommendations for items **B-2, B-3, B-4, B-5, B-6, B-7, B-8, B-11, B-12, B-13, B-17 and B-20**. Motion carried unanimously.

B-1. 1202 Ashland St – Alteration - Addition – Houston Heights West

Motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Stava, to defer application per the applicant's request for item B-1. Motion carried unanimously.

B-9. 3215 Morrison St – New Construction - Single Family Residential – Woodland Heights

Motion by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Sepulveda, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-9. Motion carried unanimously.
Speaker: Kelly Cusimano, architect – supportive.

B-10. 3215 Morrison St – New Construction - Garage or Carport – Woodland Heights

Motion by Commissioner Srinivasan, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to defer the application for item B-10. Motion carried unanimously.

B-14. 615 Bayland Ave – Alteration - Siding or Trim – Woodland Heights

Motion by Commissioner Srinivasan, seconded by Commissioner Stava, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-14 and issue a Certificate of Remediation for work completed. Motion carried unanimously.
Speaker: Cynthia Brannon, owner – supportive.

B-15. 614 Euclid St – New Construction - Single Family Residential – Woodland Heights

Motion by Commissioner Srinivasan, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-15 with the 14' setback and with the condition that the setback will be moved if required to meet deed restrictions. Motion carried with Commissioner Stava opposing and Commissioner Sepulveda abstaining.
Speakers: Thomas and Sue Allen – positions not stated, and Sam Gianukos, applicant – supportive.

B-16. 1802 North Boulevard – Alteration - Addition, Foundation, Siding or Trim, Doors, Windows, Roof – Boulevard Oaks

Motion by Commissioner Curry, seconded by Commissioner Sepulveda, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-16. Motion carried unanimously.
Speakers: Omid Adib – opposed; Sam Gianukos, applicant – supportive.

B-18. 1917 Washington Ave – Alteration - Sign – Old Sixth Ward

Motion by Commissioner Stava, seconded by Commissioner Sepulveda, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-18. Motion carried unanimously.

B-19. 841 Arlington St – Alteration - Addition, Porch or Balcony – Houston Heights South

Motion by Commissioner Srinivasan, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-19. Motion carried with Commissioner Stava opposing.

Speakers: Mark Williamson – position not stated; Laura Carrera, applicant and Andrea Uttig – supportive.

**C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
NONE**

D. COMMENTS FROM THE HAHC

Commissioner Wiedower Jackson commented that some Foundations that normally support historic preservation feel that the City of Houston does not support preservation.

Chair Boesel and Commissioner Wiedower Jackson mentioned that the Astrodome Conservancy has an online Future-dome survey available, to submit feedback about the Houston Astrodome.

Commissioner Srinivasan asked about details for Commissioner Curry’s talk on Thursday about Glenbrook Valley and Mid-Century Modern Architecture.

E. HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER’S REPORT

Roman McAllen announced one new landmark having been approved by City Council, being the Pitrie House at 3347 Reeves Street; and three protected landmarks, being 1908 Decatur; the Louis White Grocery at 4101 Lyons Avenue, and the Proebstle-Whorton House at 911 Woodland. He also mentioned Monday’s Glenbrook Valley appeal, and reported that the Director had approved 9 administrative Certificates of Appropriateness (COA’s), which are in addition to the items considered earlier today. He commented that there were 14 new pre-application design review requests to staff, and thanked staff for their hard work.

F. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Commission, Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

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Chair

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