

**HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MINUTES
THURSDAY, 9 MAY 2024
CITY HALL ANNEX, 900 BAGBY ST., PUBLIC LEVEL, HOUSTON, TX**

CALLED TO ORDER at 2:40 PM by David Bucek, Chair

| Commissioners | Quorum – Present / Absent |
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| David Bucek, Chair | Present |
| Beth Wiedower Jackson, Vice Chair | Present at 2:43 during directors’ report |
| Shantel Blakely | Present |
| Ann Collum | Absent |
| John Cosgrove | Absent |
| Steven Curry | Present |
| Tanya Debose | Present at 3:14 during Item B2, left at 5:15 |
| Ashley Elizabeth Jones | Absent |
| Ben Koush | Present |
| Stephen McNeil | Present |
| Rhonda Sepulveda | Present, left at 5:05 |
| Charles Stava | Present |
| Dominic Yap | Present |
| Jennifer Ostlind, Secretary | Present |

Legal Department – Kim Mickelson

DIRECTOR’S REPORT – May is Historic Preservation Month, Thanked Ann Collum’s for her years of service on the commission. Announced snapshot of HAHC meeting.

CHAIR’S REPORT – None

MAYOR LIAISON’S REPORT – Martha Crinejo – None

CONSIDERATION OF MARCH 14, 2024 HAHC MEETING MINUTES

Commission action: Minutes presented were approved.

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| Motion: Yap | Vote: Unanimous |
| Second: Stava | Abstaining: None |

ADOPTION OF SPEAKER’S GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES.

Commission action: Speaker’s guidelines and procedures presented were approved.

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| Motion: Wiedower Jackson | Vote: Unanimous |
| Second: Yap | Abstaining: None |

THE CHAIR OPENED AND CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING FOR ITEM A.

A. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR FRANK A. WATTS HOUSE AT 2529 STANMORE DR, HOUSTON, TX 77019

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Landmark Designation of the Frank A. Watts House at 2529 Stanmore Drive, Houston, Texas, 77019.

Commission action: Accepted staff recommendation ...

Speaker(s): Bruce Fehn

Motion: Wiedower Jackson

Vote: Unanimous

Second: Blakely

Abstaining: None

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

| No. | Address | Application Type | Historic District | Staff Recommendation |
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| 1 | 201 E 9 th St | Alteration – Addition | Houston Heights South | Approval |
| 2 | 807 Woodland St | Alteration – Addition | Woodland Heights | Approval |
| 3 | 443 Columbia St | Alteration – Addition | Houston Heights South | Denial |
| 4 | 3400 White Oak Dr | Alteration – Storefront | Houston Heights South | Deferred by applicant |
| 5 | 1115 Le Green St | Alteration – Addition | Norhill | Approval with Conditions |
| 6 | 528 Columbia St | Alteration – Porch | Houston Heights South | Denial. COR |
| 7 | 7715 Glenvista St | Alteration – Windows | Glenbrook Valley | Approval with Conditions |
| 8 | 516 Highland St | Alteration – Addition | Woodland Heights | Approval |
| 9 | 1111 E 11st St | Alteration – Sign, Doors | Norhill | Approval with Conditions |
| 10 | 306 Hawthorne St | Alteration – Windows | Westmoreland | Denial. COR |
| 11 | 634 W Cottage St | Alteration – Siding, Doors, Windows | Norhill | Approval |
| 12 | 1987 W Gray St | Alteration – Storefront | LM: River Oaks Theater and Shopping Center | Approval |
| 13 | 505 Columbia St | Alteration – Addition | Houston Heights South | Approval |
| 14 | 721 Columbia St | Alteration – Addition | Houston Heights South | Denial. COR. |
| 15 | 2009 W Gray St | Alteration – Sign | LM: River Oaks Theater and Shopping Center | Approval |

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| 16 | 1824 Heights Blvd | Alteration – Ramp | Houston Heights East | Approval with Conditions |
| 17 | 1824 Heights Blvd | New Construction – Garage | Houston Heights East | Approval |
| 18 | 1342 Harvard St | Alteration – Addition | Houston Heights East | Approval |
| 19 | 307 Bayland Ave | Alteration – Addition | Woodland Heights | Approval |
| 20 | 1806 Decatur St | Alteration – Addition | Old Sixth Ward | Deferred by applicant |

Staff Recommendation: Accept staff recommendations.

Commission action: Accepted recommendations for **Items B – 1, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, and 20** Certificates of Appropriateness (COA) and Certificates of Remediation (COR).

Motion: Sepulveda

Vote: Unanimous

Second: McNiel

Abstaining: None

B2. 807 WOODLAND STREET

Staff Recommendation: Denial of COA and Issuance of COR for work completed with the condition that the ridge height be lowered by 1’ and the front facing portion of the roof be reframed with a hip.

Commission action: Denied COA and denial COR based on Criteria 3a.

3) For an addition to a noncontributing structure:

(a) The distance from the property line to the front and side walls, porches, and exterior features of any proposed addition or alteration must be compatible with the distance from the property line of similar elements of existing contributing structures in the context area; and the proposed project does not change distances from the property lines to the front and side walls.

Speaker(s): Jake Boeham, Linda Ebaugh, Thadius Harrick (statement read on his behalf)

Motion: McNiel

Vote: Carried

Second: Blakely

Opposed: Stava, Debose

B3. 443 COLUMBIA STREET

Staff Recommendation: Denial does not satisfy criteria 10 and Houston Heights Design Guidelines.

Commission action: Denied, per staff recommendation.

Speaker(s): Val Castello

Motion: McNiel

Vote: Carried

Second: Debose

Opposed: Stava, Blakley, McNiel

B5. 1115 LE GREEN STREET

Staff Recommendation: Approval with conditions; removal of vent, brackets, and fascia board from proposed front gable on second-story rear addition.

Commission action: Approval with conditions, Commission accepts applicants proposed drawing in the case of also accepting the ‘wants’ of the neighborhood. Conditions are the vent will have a 1x4 trim without a seal, as drawn, the freeze board is a flat 1x12 no trim and simplified brackets which do not extend past the roof line.

Speaker(s): Elspeth Hixon, James Hixon, Virginia Kelsey

Motion: Blakely

Vote: Carried

Second: McNiel

Opposed: Yap, Koush, Stava, Sepulveda

B7. 7715 GLENVISTA STREET

Staff Recommendation: Approval with the condition that the property owner safely remove the two aluminum windows being replaced and keep them on the property for the duration of the ownership.

Commission action: Defer, have applicant explore the window inserts/interior inserts that are specific for noise cancelling, lease expensive options if financial hardship is a concern.

Speaker(s): Andrea Aguirre statement read by staff on her behalf.

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| Motion: Wiedower Jackson | Vote: Unanimous |
| Second: Yap | Abstaining: None |

B9. 1111 E 11ST STREET

Staff Recommendation: Approval with conditions that all signage be painted on the surface and may be front lit per staff approval and that the planter design be more in keeping with the district per staff approval.

Commission action: Accepts staff recommendation with the amendment, the signage is not limited to painted on surface but as negotiated between parties.

Speaker(s): Virginia Kelsey, Zachary Wolf, Ann Thomas

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| Motion: Curry | Vote: Unanimous |
| Second: McNiel | Abstaining: None |

B12. 1987 W GRAY STREET

Staff Recommendation: Approval.

Commission action: Deny based on No. 4., The proposed activity must preserve the distinguishing qualities or character of the building, structure, object or site and its environment.

Speaker(s): None

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| Motion: Koush | Vote: Carried |
| Second: Blakely | Opposed: McNiel |

B15. 2009 W GRAY STREET

Staff Recommendation: Approved.

Commission action: Approved, per staff recommendation.

Speaker(s): None

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| Motion: Curry | Vote: Unanimous |
| Second: McNiel | Abstaining: None |

B16. 1824 HEIGHTS BOULEVARD

Staff Recommendation: Approved.

Commission action: Approved, per staff recommendation.

Speaker(s): Joel James

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| Motion: Yap | Vote: Unanimous |
| Second: Wiedower Jackson | Abstaining: None |

C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – None

D. COMMENTS FROM THE HAHC –

McNiel, proposed date for camp, Friday 19 July preferable between 9-3p.

Stava, asked about preservation ordinance and how to uphold it. Staff stress lack of enforcement.

Yap, wanted to know the proposed ethos's training.

Bucek, COR, process mentioned to keep the COR Process within the spirit of HAHC Ordinance.

Ongoing window problem, no enforcement, asking for answer from Jennifer Ostlind.

E. HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S REPORT – None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Commission, David Bucek, Chair adjourned the meeting at **6:03 PM**.

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Jennifer Ostlind, Secretary