

**HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MINUTES
THURSDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2024
CITY HALL ANNEX, 900 BAGBY ST., PUBLIC LEVEL, HOUSTON TX 77002**

Call to Order at 2:32 PM by David Bucek, Chair

Commissioners	Quorum – Present / Absent
David Bucek, Chair	Present
Beth Wiedower Jackson, Vice Chair	<i>Absent</i>
Shantel Blakely	Present, at 2:37 during Item A
John Cosgrove, Acting Chair	Present
Steven Curry	Present
Tanya Debose	<i>Absent</i>
Ashley Jones	Present
Ben Koush	Present, left at 3:39 after Item D.2
Stephen McNiel	Present
Rhonda Sepulveda	<i>Absent</i>
Charles Stava	Present
Dominic Yap	Present
Nicole Broussard, Acting Secretary	Present

Legal Department Kim Mickelson • Yolanda Woods

Ex-Officio Members Marta Crinejo, Mayor’s Liaison to HAHC
Ginger Berni, Architectural Archivist, HHRC

Director’s Report, Nicole Broussard, Acting Secretary and Deputy Assistant Director of the Houston Planning and Development Department.

Director’s Report, Nicole Broussard, Secretary and Deputy Assistant Director of the Houston Planning and Development Department ... A Public hearing notice for landmarks, protected landmarks and change of designations: Has been forwarded to City Council and a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 20, at 9:00 a.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 901 Bagby. This is on the designation request of five landmarks. The (HAHC) approved the designations last meeting and will now go to City Council.

Chair’s Report, David Bucek – went over HAHC Meeting procedures.

Mayor Liaison’s Report – None

8	638 Harvard St.	Alteration – Addition	Houston Heights South	Approval
9	1120 W Gardner St.	Alteration – Addition	Norhill	Approval
10	2007 Shearn St.	Alteration – Windows, Siding	High First Ward	Denial of COA and Issuance of COR for work completed
11	2003 Union St.	Alteration – Windows, Doors	Old Sixth Ward	Approval
12	1528 Cortlandt St.	Alteration – Addition	Houston Heights East	Approval
13	1528 Cortlandt St.	New Construction – Garage	Houston Heights East	Approval

Staff Recommendation: Accept staff recommendations.

Commission action: Accepted staff recommendations for approval on Item(s): D. 1, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, and 13, Certificates of Appropriateness (COA) and Certificates of Remediation (COR).

Speaker(s): None

Motion: Cosgrove Vote: Unanimous
 Second: Jones Opposed: None

D.2 802 COMMERCE STREET

Staff recommendation: Approval.

Commission action: Accepted project as proposed.

Speaker(s): Benny Agosto, Jr., Thomas DeFroy; applicant – supportive

Motion: Koush Vote: Unanimous
 Second: Yap Abstaining: None

D.5 814 COLQUITT STREET

Staff recommendation: Approval.

Commission action: Accepted staff recommendation, and owner to work with staff for selection of front door.

Speaker(s): Benjamin Kluding, owner, Stephen Longmire – supportive

Motion: McNiel Vote: Unanimous
 Second: Cosgrove Abstaining: None

D.6 7615 MONTGLEN STREET

Staff recommendation: Approval.

Commission action: Disagree with staff’s recommendation and allow the applicant to replace windows with energy efficient mill finish aluminum windows.

Speaker(s): Letter from Florine Pope, read by staff member Cara Quigley

Motion: Yap Vote: Unanimous
 Second: Curry Abstaining: None

D.9 1120 W GARDNER STREET

Staff recommendation: Approval.

Commission action: Accepts staff recommendation.

Speaker(s): Julia Peacock, Forrest McFarlin; applicant, Virginia Kelsey – opposed, Marion Write, Rod Frego – supportive

Motion: Blakely
Second: McNiel

Vote: Unanimous
Abstaining: None

D.10 2007 SHEARN STREET

Staff recommendation: Denial of COA and Issuance of COR for work completed

Commission action: Accepts staff recommendation.

Speaker(s): None

Motion: Cosgrove
Second: McNiel

Vote: Carried
Opposed: Yap, Stava

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – Marian Wright, asked for clarification on windows and where the HAHC stands, seem to be no guidelines on the window issue in historic neighborhoods.

E. COMMENTS FROM THE HAHC –

Commissioner Jones, two points, commission should take a closer look and resurvey Glenbrook Valley homes. Ask for a sit-down focused meeting on what all could be defined as historic in Glenbrook Valley and looking for the historic nature of Glenbrook Valley and windows.

Chair Bucek, looking to Legal for Deed Restrictions and their committees

Kim Mickelson addressed his concerns on violations of Deed Restriction.

Commissioner McNiel, asked about his roll as a HAHC member and the public, looking to legal to visit a particular property and have a say on the item during the meetings.

Chair Bucke, informed engagement with the public and in visiting a particular property, however with staff and up to two members of the community.

Kim Mickelson, allowed the commission to visit property, advised to encourage the public to come to commission to ask for a member to visit the property and report back to the commission with their review if the site. Emphasized in avoidance of ex-parquet communications with encouraging them to make their care with the HAHC.

Commissioner Yap, need clarification, is it oaky for the applicant, owner, architect, be at the site with the staff and members.

Kim Mickleson, the idea of the Administrated Staff Review, legal will work with staff on the participations of other non-staff members or non-homeowners. No others should attend to sway the decision of the commissioner.

Commissioner McNiel asked to allow the speakers more time, 3 minutes.

Chair Bucke, explained the time with allowing the speaker one more minute after the first bell.

Staff Member Marbet went over the speaker’s minutes and extra time when commissions agrees to allow additional time. 3 minutes for applicants, 2 minutes for public and additional time, 1 minute, when commission allows.

Commissioner McNiel mentioned the window situation with both commissions and historical neighborhoods specifically Glenbrook Valley.

Secretary Nicole mentioned the two commissions to meet for a full discussion on windows and getting on the same page with this topic.

Commissioner Yap asked if the meeting will be about more than just windows. Others chimed in on scheduling something for everyone to get together.

Commissioner Curry, HOA, info, ... Reclassification on property contributing and non-contributing.

Commissioner McNiel, asked about the decision on, Audubon Place, on the last meeting. Legal chimed in and explained the process of the time on the owners’ appeal application.

Commissioner Blakely asked to meet with commissioner members on the Appeals Board. Legal, clarified all commissions are public and everyone can attend including commissioners on other boards.

Chair Bucek, clarified HPAB and HAHC are welcome to sit.

F. HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER’S REPORT

Roman McAllen, department is working on writing a grant on the Lyons Avenue for a National Register Nomination. Staff continues to work on Administrative Approvals in-house and are moving quicker with three staff members working on them.

Old Sixth Ward, meeting held 28 October, work moving forward with this project.

In an upcoming December meeting staff plans on having information i.e. statistics, maps on windows to help the discussion of windows in historic neighborhoods.

Visited New Orleans for the National Trespass Forward Conference and visit China Town in Louisiana.

Community is very strong on opening up on landmarks and what they want, mentioned if we listen, we will hear what is important in our city.

Monday, Veterans City Holiday, gave background information on past family history and his family name.

G. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Commission, Chair David Bucek adjourned the meeting at 5:35 PM.

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David Bucek, Chair

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Nicole Broussard
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Nicole Broussard, Acting Secretary