

Minutes of the Houston Historic Preservation Appeals Board (HPAB)

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

April 5, 2018

Meeting held in
Council Chambers, Public Level, City Hall Annex
9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair J.D. Bartell called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m., with a quorum present.

J.D. Bartell, Chair
Fernando L. Brave
Betty Trapp Chapman
Tanya Debose
Carol A. Lewis

Arrived at 9:15 am during item I

EXOFFICIO MEMBERS

Samantha Bruer, Archivist, Houston Metropolitan Research Center
Margaret Wallace Brown, Deputy Director, Planning and Development

Executive Secretary

Patrick Walsh, P.E., Director, Planning and Development

DIRECTORS REPORT

NONE

CHAIR'S REPORT

NONE

The Approval of the Minutes was taken later in the meeting.

I. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN APPEAL OF THE DECISION OF THE HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION ON FEBRUARY 22, 2018 FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR 8439 GLENCREST STREET – GLENBROOK VALLEY HISTORIC DISTRICT

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing.

Staff recommendation: None

Board action: Overturned the decision of the Houston Archeological and Historical Commission (HAHC) for 8439 Glencrest Street – Glenbrook Valley Historic District, including for the following reasons: the proposed aluminum windows appear to be in character with prevailing appearances in this District; there are safety concerns for the

homeowner; there are only 4 additional windows in this case; 8 of 12 aluminum replacement windows were already approved; the aluminum appears to be damaged and possibly stained beyond reasonable repair, there was not enough conclusive evidence that the windows were operational, the Homeowner Association concurred with the appeal; the HAHC did not have a unanimous vote for their decision; and the 4 windows are not highly visible from the street. The HPAB recognized that these 4 windows would represent a loss of historic material. The Board also discussed possible educational and other measures to address this recurring issue.

Motion: **Brave** Second: **Lewis** Vote: **Unanimous** Abstain: **None**
Speaker – Trish Kinkaid, applicant – supportive

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2017 HISTORIC PRESERVATION APPEALS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Board Member Chapman, seconded by Board Member Debose, to approve the November 20, 2017 Historic Preservation Appeals Board meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Legal Department representative Kimberley Mickelson commented that the Applicant on the last HPAB appeal, for 901 Heights, is appealing to City Council around April 18, 2018; using the court reporter's transcript made by the applicant at the November 21, 2017 HPAB hearing.


Board member Lewis, seconded by Brave, expressed appreciation for staff's excellent efforts, being Matthew Kriegl, interim Historic Presentation Officer; Lorelei Willet, and Adam Train. Former Historic staff members Diana Ducroz, Kathleen Taus, and Amanda Berry were recognized for their contributions as well.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Board, Chair J.D. Bartell adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Motion was made by Board Member Brave and seconded by Board Member Debose. Motion carried unanimously.



J.D. Bartell
Chair



Michael Kramer
Acting Executive Secretary