

## **Minutes of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission**

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

**August 23, 2017**

Meeting held in  
Council Chambers, Public Level, City Hall Annex  
3:00 p.m.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel called the meeting to order at 3:01, with a quorum present.

Minnette Bickel Boesel, Chair

Edie Archer Left at 5:33 p.m. during Item #22

Emily Ardoin

David Bucek

Ann Collum

John Cosgrove Absent

Jorge Garcia-Herreros Absent

Rob D. Hellyer, Vice-Chair

Brie Kelman

Ben Koush Absent

Sue Lovell Absent

Charles Stava

### **EXOFFICIO MEMBERS**

Samantha Bruer, Architectural Archivist, Houston Metropolitan Research Center

Beth Wiedower, National Trust for Historic Preservation

Margaret Wallace Brown, Deputy Director, Planning and Development

### **Executive Secretary**

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

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel mentioned several pending National Register items, including Main Street property, Charles Duncan House, and Heights Theatre.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Director's Report was given by Director Patrick Walsh. He reported that the Historic staff received 42 total Historic applications last month. 19 were administratively reviewed, and 23 are on today's Agenda. The 2017 year-to-date numbers are as follows: 290 total applications; 119 administratively reviewed, and 172 heard by this Commission. Houston Heights Design Guidelines are available for comment, and the next community meeting is September 28. Walkable Places and the Mayor's Complete Communities next meetings were mentioned; see our web page for details. The Historic Preservation aspect of Walkable Places was noted by the Chair. The Chair also recognized Director Walsh's new baby; he said wife and son are doing fine.

**MAYOR'S LIAISON REPORT  
NONE**

**APPROVAL OF THE JULY 27, 2017 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION (HAHC) MEETING MINUTES**

Commission action: Deferred the July 27, 2017 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission (HAHC) meeting minutes.

Motion: **Kelman**

Second: **Ardoin**

Vote: **Unanimous**

Abstaining: **None**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF PENDING NOMINATION(S) TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

- 1. Downtown Houston Post Office, Processing and Distribution Center, 401 Franklin Street**
- 2. Houston Post Building, 2410 Polk Street**

Motion was made by Commissioner Kelman, seconded by Commissioner Bucek, that the Houston Archeological and Historic Commission support the nomination(s) to the National Register of Historic Places of the Downtown Houston Post Office, the Processing and Distribution Center at 401 Franklin Street, and the Houston Post Building at 2410 Polk Street. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Ardoin, seconded by Commissioner Hellyer, to consider agenda items B-1, B-5, B-7, B-10, B-11, B-16, B-17, B-18 and B-19 together. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ardoin, seconded by Commissioner Kelman, to grant Certificates of Appropriateness for items B-1, B-5, B-7, B-10, B-11, B-16, B-17, B-18 and B-19 together. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. 3605 Del Monte Dr. – Alteration-Windows – PLM/ Smith-Anderson House**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hellyer, seconded by Commissioner Archer, to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-2. Motion carried with Commissioner Collum and Commissioner Stava opposing.

Speakers: Dillon Kyle, supportive

**3. 529 Highland St. – Alteration-Addition – Woodland Heights**

Motion was made by Commissioner Ardoin, seconded by Commissioner Collum, to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-3. Motion carried unanimously

Speaker(s): Adam Wells-Applicant

**4. 1248 Harvard St. – Alteration-Addition – Houston Heights East**

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Archer, to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted, for item B-4. Motion carried with Commissioner Ardoin, Commissioner Collum, Commissioner Stava opposing.

Speaker: Kelly Elder - applicant, Mark Van Dorn - supportive

**6. 1819 Arlington St. – Alteration-Addition – Houston Heights East**

Motion was made by Commissioner Kelman, seconded by Commissioner Archer, to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-6. Motion carried with Commissioners Ardoin and Commissioner Bucek opposing.

**8. 622 Cortlandt St. – New Construction-Residence – Houston Heights South**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hellyer, seconded by Commissioner Archer, to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-8, with the following conditions: 1) Remove the hoods covering the windows and 2) Install siding/shingles in the front-facing gables subject to staff approval. Motion carried with Commissioner Ardoin and Commissioner Collum opposing.

Speaker: Kevin Walton-applicant

**9. 717 Cortlandt St. – Alteration-Addition – Houston Heights South**

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Ardoin, to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-9, with the following conditions: Retain the original 6/6 window on the north side elevation; and hip the addition's roof, including adjusting the addition's front-facing gable to a hip, with a pitch not to exceed 8/12. Motion carried unanimously.

**12. 535 Harvard St. Alteration-Addition – Houston Heights South**

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Ardoin, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-12, per criteria #10. Motion carried with Commissioner Archer, Commissioner Hellyer, and Commissioner Kelman opposing.

Speaker: Sam Gianukos, supportive

**13. 1310 Tulane St. – Alteration-Addition – Houston Heights West**

Motion was made by Commissioner Kelman, seconded by Commissioner Hellyer, to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-13. Motion carried with Commissioner Ardoin and Commissioner Bucek opposing.

Speaker: Alex Ridgway-applicant

**14. 1316 Rutland St. – Alteration-Addition – Houston Heights West**

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Kelman, to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-14, with the following condition(s): Inset the second floor of the addition over the porte cochere by 12" on each side. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Alex Ridgway-applicant

**15. 1341 Tulane St. – Alteration-Addition – Houston Heights West**

Motion was made by Commissioner Archer, seconded by Commissioner Bucek, to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-15. Motion carried with Commissioner Kelman opposing.

Speaker: Alex Ridgway-applicant

**20. 704 Marshall St. – New Construction-Garage – Audubon Place**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hellyer, seconded by Commissioner Archer, to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-20, with the following conditions: Clad the structure in horizontal siding. Motion carried unanimously.

Speakers: Bryant Fulk-applicant.

**21. 1749 South Blvd. – Alteration-Addition – Boulevard Oaks**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hellyer, seconded by Commissioner Bucek, to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-21, with the following conditions: Retain the existing 3/3 windows. Motion carried unanimously.

Speakers: Reagan Miller-applicant, Matt Henneman-applicant.

**Commissioner Hellyer recused himself.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Kelman, seconded by Commissioner Ardoin, to consider Items 22 and 23 together, but items will be voted on separately. Motion carried unanimously

**22. 107 E 9th St. – Alteration/Relocation-Residence – Houston Heights South**

Motion was made by Commissioner Ardoin, seconded by Commissioner Collum, to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-22. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker(s): Rob Hellyer-applicant

**23. 901 Harvard St. – Demolition-Commercial Bldg. – Houston Heights South**

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Collum, to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-23. Motion carried with Commissioner Kelman opposing.

Speaker(s): Rob Hellyer-applicant.

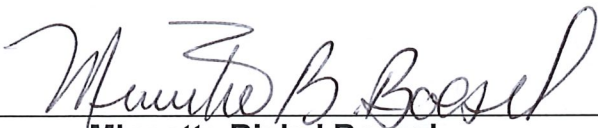
**Commissioner Hellyer returned.**

**C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE HAHC**

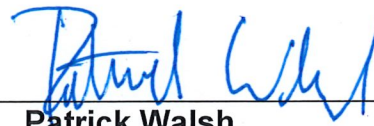
Dr. Sabrina Normon spoke about the Starkweather Historic District, and questioned its validity. Commissioner Hellyer noted that August is the eighth anniversary of his tenure, and that he had already submitted his resignation. Diana DuCroz introduced new staff Planner Adam Train.

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business brought before the Commission, Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m. Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, and seconded by Commissioner Ardoin. Motion carried unanimously.



Minnette Bickel Boesel  
Chair



Patrick Walsh  
Executive Secretary