

Minutes of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission

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September 21, 2017

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

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Rob Hellyer called the meeting to order at 3:02, with a quorum present.

Minnette Bickel Boesel, Chair	Absent
Edie Archer	Absent
Emily Ardoin	
David Bucek	Absent
Ann Collum	Absent
John Cosgrove	Left at 5:23 p.m. after item D-3.
Jorge Garcia-Herreros	Absent
Rob D. Hellyer, Vice-Chair	
Brie Kelman	
Ben Koush	Arrived at 3:03 during Chair's Report
Sue Lovell	
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

The Vice Chair, Rob Hellyer mentioned the rules, and that he expects today to be his last meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's Report was given by Deputy Director, Margaret Wallace Brown. She reported that the Historic staff received 22 total Historic applications last month. Fifteen (15) were administratively reviewed, and 7 are on today's Agenda. The 2017 year-to-date numbers are as follows: 311 total applications; 132 administratively reviewed, and 179 heard by this Commission. She reported that the final community meeting for the Houston Heights Design Guidelines will be held on Thursday, September 28, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the United Way Community Resource Center, 50 Waugh Drive. She also commented about Hurricane Harvey, Departmental activities, and that Kim Mickelson is the new Legal Department representative.

**MAYOR'S LIAISON REPORT
NONE**

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

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

Motion: **Kelman** Second: **Lovell** Vote: Unanimously Abstaining: **None**

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 23, 2017 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION (HAHC) MEETING MINUTES

Commission action: Approved the August 23, 2017 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission (HAHC) minutes

Motion: **Lovell** Second: **Ardoin** Vote: **Carries** Abstaining: **Cosgrove and Koush**

A. PRESERVATION TOPIC

A report was given on flood damage by Kathleen Taus.

B. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR THE PETROLEUM BUILDING AT 1314 TEXAS STREET

The Vice Chair opened and closed the public hearing.

Motion made by Commissioner Kelman, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove, that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Landmark Designation for the Petroleum Building at 1314 Texas Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Kelman, seconded by Commissioner Lovell to nominate Commissioner Ardoin as Vice Chair when Commissioner Hellyer recuses himself. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hellyer recused himself.

C. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF HISTORIC DISTRICT BUILDING RECLASSIFICATION

Motion made by Commissioner Kelman, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove, to move item C-1 and C-3 after items C-2 and C-4, and vote on items C-2 and C-4 together. Motion carried unanimously.

The Vice Chair opened and closed the public hearings.

C-2. 716 Sabine St. - Unclassified to Contributing - Old Sixth Ward

C-4. 1816 Lubbock St. - Unclassified to Contributing - Old Sixth Ward

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Kelman, that the Houston Archeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the reclassification of items C-2 and C-4 from unclassified to contributing. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Adrian Melendez, Supportive

C-1. 901 Harvard St. - Contributing to Noncontributing - Houston Heights South

HAHC did not recommend the reclassification of this item.

Speaker(s): Rob Hellyer, applicant - supportive.

C-3. 908 Sabine St. - Unclassified to Contributing - Old Sixth Ward

Motion was made by Commissioner Stava, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove, that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the reclassification of item C-3 from unclassified to contributing. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Adrian Melendez, Supportive

D. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS

Motion made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Kelman, to take item D-2 at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

D-2. 107 E 9th St. – Alteration/Relocation-Resid. – Deferral – Houston Heights South

Motion was made by Commissioner Kelman, seconded by Commissioner Koush, to suspend voting D- 2 at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker(s): Rob Hellyer, applicant - supportive.

D-1. 901 Harvard St. – Demolition-Comm Bldg. – Deferral – Houston Heights South

Motion was made by Commissioner Kelman, seconded by Commissioner Lovell, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D- 1. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker(s): Rob Hellyer, applicant - supportive.

D-2. 107 E 9th St. – Alteration/Relocation-Resid. – Deferral – Houston Heights South

Motion was made by Commissioner Kelman, seconded by Commissioner Lovell, to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D- 2. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker(s): Rob Hellyer, applicant - supportive.

Commissioner Hellyer returned as Vice Chair.

Motion made by Commissioner Ardoin, seconded by Commissioner Kelman, to consider agenda items D-4, D-6, and D-7 together. Motion carried unanimously.

D-4. 1346 Harvard St. – New Construction-Garage – Houston Heights East

D-6. 529 Highland St. – Alteration-Addition – Deferral – Woodland Heights

D-7. 1341 Tulane St. – Alteration-Addition – Deferral – Houston Heights West

Motion made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Lovell, to grant Certificates of Appropriateness for items D-4, D-6, and D-7. Motion carried unanimously.

D-3. 202 E 10th St. – Alteration-Siding/Windows – Resubmittal – Houston Heights South

Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove, to partially grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D- 3, with the condition(s) that windows #15 and 16 are retained; denied to remove wood siding. Motion carried, with Commissioners Ardoin and Stava opposing.

Speaker(s): Mike Shelton, applicant, supportive.

D-5. 536 Granberry St. – Alteration-Addition – Deferral – Freeland

Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Koush, to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D- 5. Motion carried with Commissioner Stava opposing.


Speaker(s): Alex Ridgeway, applicant, Alex Roessler, owner, supportive.

E. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE HAHC

Commissioner Hellyer made comments regarding his departure. Commissioner Lovell and Margaret Wallace Brown thanked him for his contributions.

F. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Commission, Vice Chair Rob Hellyer adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, and seconded by Commissioner Kelman. Motion carried unanimously.



Rob Hellyer
Vice Chair



Margaret Wallace Brown
Executive Secretary