

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

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

**February 22, 2018**

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 3:03, with a quorum present.

Minnette Bickel Boesel, Chair

Emily Ardoin, Vice Chair

Edie Archer

David Bucek

Ann Collum

Absent

John Cosgrove

Jorge Garcia-Herreros

Ben Koush

Arrived at 3:11 p.m. during Certificates of Appropriateness

Sue Lovell

Stephen McNiel

Absent

Urmila Srinivasan

Charles Stava

### **EXOFFICIO MEMBERS**

Samantha Bruer, Architectural Archivist, Houston Metropolitan Research Center

Marta Crinejo, Mayor's Liaison

Margaret Wallace Brown, Deputy Director, Planning and Development

### **Executive Secretary**

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

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chair, Minnette Bickel Boesel, mentioned that the HAHC Jones Hall Subcommittee is continuing to collaborate with representatives of the Jones Hall Foundation, Symphony, Society for Performing Arts and their architects on future design plans for the exterior of Jones Hall. Also, she is drafting a letter from the HAHC offering support to the owners of the 1939 Sears Building, Rice Management Corp., located at the corner of Main and Wheeler Streets, regarding their efforts to find new uses for the building and the site. Comments for the letter from Commissioners would be appreciated.

### **MAYOR'S LIAISON REPORT**

**NONE**

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Director's Report was given by Deputy Director, Margaret Wallace Brown. She reported that the Historic planning staff received 23 total Historic applications last month; 7 were administratively reviewed, and 15 are on today's Agenda. The 2018 numbers are as follows: 45 total applications, 17 administratively reviewed, and 27 heard by this Commission. Also, the completed document with the approved changes to the Heights Design Guidelines have been placed on our website. Since we are

still working through some additional questions from the administration, the City Council's Quality of Life committee presentation on the Heights Design Guidelines will not be on February 28.

## **APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 25, 2018 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION (HAHC) MEETING MINUTES**

Commission action: Approved the January 25, 2018 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission (HAHC) meeting minutes approved as amended.

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

### **A. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS**

Motion made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Lovell, to consider agenda items A-2, A-4, A-5, A-6, A-8, A-9, A-10, A-11, A-14 and A -15 together. Motion carried unanimously.

<b>2.</b>	<b>3375 Del Monte Dr</b>	<b>Alteration-Addition</b>	<b>PLM/Hilliard House</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>1505 North Blvd</b>	<b>Alteration-Addition Revision</b>	<b>Broadacres</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>421 Arlington St</b>	<b>Alteration-Addition</b>	<b>Houston Heights South</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>747 Arlington St</b>	<b>Alteration-Addition</b>	<b>Houston Heights South</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>1120 E 16th St</b>	<b>Alteration-Addition</b>	<b>Norhill</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>4620 Norhill Blvd</b>	<b>Alteration-Porch/Foundation Skirting</b>	<b>Norhill</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>724 W Cottage St</b>	<b>Alteration-Addition Resubmittal</b>	<b>Norhill</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b>2117 Lubbock St</b>	<b>Alteration-Addition/Siding Revision</b>	<b>Old Sixth Ward</b>
<b>14.</b>	<b>404 Bayland Ave</b>	<b>Alteration-Addition Renewal</b>	<b>Woodland Heights</b>
<b>15.</b>	<b>807 Woodland St</b>	<b>Alteration-Addition</b>	<b>Woodland Heights</b>

Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove, to grant Certificates of Appropriateness for items A-2, A-4, A-5, A-6, A-8, A-9, A-10, A-11, A-14 and A-15. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **A-1. 712 Main St.                      Alteration-Sign/Canopy      LM/Gulf Building**

Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-1. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Hannah Curry-Shearouse, applicant – supportive.

#### **A-3. 716 W Alabama St.                      Alteration-Siding/Trim      Audubon Place**

Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Herreros, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-3. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **A-7. 1208 Tulane St.                      Alteration-Addition/Siding Deferral      Houston Heights West**

Motion was made by Commissioner Ardoin, seconded by Commissioner Lovell, to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-7. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **A-12. 8439 Glencrest St.                      Alteration-Windows Resubmittal      Glenbrook Valley**

Motion was made by Commissioner Koush, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Herreros, to partially approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-12 as follows: Approval to replace windows 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 9 with the proposed new aluminum windows. Denial to replace original windows 1, 10, 11 and 12. Motion carried with Commissioner Archer, Commissioner Lovell and Commissioner Srinivasan opposing.

Speaker: Patricia Kincaid, owner –supportive.

**A-13. 7527 Cayton St. Alteration-Windows Glenbrook Valley**

Motion was made by Commissioner Koush, seconded by Commissioner Ardoin, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-13. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Commissioner Lovell spoke about the Commission sending a letter of support to Judge Emmett regarding funding Astrodome preservation. Chair Boesel commented that she serves on the Astrodome Board, and that the facility dates from 1965. Discussion ensued. Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, and seconded by Commissioner Archer, to send the letter. Motion carried unanimously. Legal Counsel offered a point of order: That the Commission could have an item for a vote on a subsequent agenda to confirm the intention of the Commission, although sending the letter now could be considered as an administrative function of the Chair.

The potential impact of new Chapter 19 flood plain development guidelines on the Historic Design Guidelines was discussed. Additional information will be provided by staff.

Margaret Wallace-Brown commented that after many years of service, Diana Ducroz has transitioned out of her Historic Preservation work, and is working in a different capacity with the Planning and Development Department. Commissioner Lovell and Chair Boesel, on behalf of the Commission, lauded her for all her historic preservation work. Chair Boesel also recognized the excellent work by the three remaining historic staff members.

**C. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business brought before the Commission, Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel adjourned the meeting at 3:46 p.m. Motion was made by Commissioner Lovell, and seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove. Motion carried unanimously.



**Minnette Bickel Boesel**  
Chair



**Margaret Wallace Brown**  
Executive Secretary