

Minutes of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission

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

December 16, 2020

Telephonic/Videoconference Meeting held via Microsoft Teams <https://bit.ly/36Tva5L>

3:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. with a roll call vote and a quorum present.

Minnette Bickel Boesel, Chair

David Bucek, Vice Chair

Steven Curry

Ann Collum

John Cosgrove

Ashley Elizabeth Jones

Ben Koush

Stephen McNiel

Arrived at 3:11 p.m. during the approval of minutes

Rhonda Sepulveda

Urmila Srinivasan

Charles Stava

Beth Wiedower Jackson

Dominic Yap

EXOFFICIO MEMBERS

Samantha Bruer, Architectural Archivist, Houston Metropolitan Research Center

Marta Crinejo, Mayor's Liaison

Executive Secretary

Margaret Wallace Brown, Director, Planning and Development

CHAIR'S REPORT

Minette Boesel commented on virtual meeting procedures.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Nicole Smothers, Deputy Assistant Director, reported for Margaret Wallace Brown. She commented about Vision Zero, and that no Appeals Board meetings have been required since August 10. The Director approved 8 administrative Certificates of Appropriateness (COA's), which are in addition to the items for consideration today.

MAYOR'S LIAISON REPORT

NONE

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2020 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION (HAHC) MEETING MINUTES

Commission action: Approved the November 18, 2020 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission (HAHC) meeting minutes.

Motion: **Wiedower Jackson** Second: **Jones**

Vote: **Unanimous** Abstaining: **None**

A. CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROPOSED OF 2021 HAHC SCHEDULE

Motion was made by Commissioner Sepulveda, seconded by Commissioner Yap, to approve the proposed 2021 HAHC schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

B. CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PROPOSED HARMONIUM HISTORIC DISTRICT

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, to approve the proposed Harmonium Historic District as Brunner-Harmonium and forward it to City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: David Bush, agent and Mark Williamson – supportive.

C. CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REFERRAL TO TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION FOR LISTING ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES FOR J. A. FOLGER AND COMPANY PLANT AT 235 NORTH NORWOOD STREET, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77011

Commissioner Jones, Wiedower Jackson, Collum, Yap, Bucek, Curry, Srinivasan, Sulpuveda, Cosgrove, McNiel, Stava and Koush were in support of the referral for a listing on the National Register of Historic Places for J. A. Folger and Company Plant at 235 North Norwood Street, Houston, Texas 77011, and to forward it to the Texas Historic Commission.

D. CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR 3609 INWOOD DRIVE, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77019

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Stava, that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Protected Landmark Designation application for 3609 Inwood Drive, Houston, Texas, 77019. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: David Bush – supportive.

E. CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR 3023 DEL MONTE DRIVE, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77019

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Yap, seconded by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Protected Landmark Designation application for 3023 Del Monte Drive, Houston, Texas, 77019. Motion carried unanimously.

At 3:45 p.m., Margaret Wallace Brown joined the meeting.

F. CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR 1915 ALBANS STREET, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77005

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Yap, seconded by Commissioner Curry, that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Protected Landmark Designation application for 1915 Albans Street, Houston, Texas, 77005. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: David Bush – supportive.

G. CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR THE HARRY B. JEWETT HOUSE AT 2318 GLEN HAVEN BOULEVARD, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77030.

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing. Motion was made by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Bucek, that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Protected Landmark Designation application for the Harry B. Jewett House at 2318 Glen Haven Boulevard, Houston, Texas, 77030. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Mindy Ring – supportive.

H. CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR THE ROBERT SPELL HOUSE AT 1448 PEARSON STREET, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77023.

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Jones, that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Landmark Designation application for the Robert Spell House at 1448 Pearson Street, Houston, Texas, 77023. Motion carried unanimously.

I. CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, to consider items I-1, I-2, I-3, I-5, I-8, I-9, and I-11 together. Motion carried unanimously.

- I-1. **814 Columbia Street - Alteration-Addition, Siding or Trim, Doors, Windows, Porch or Balcony, Roof - Houston Heights South – Approval**
- I-2. **1310 Tulane Street - Alteration-Porch or Balcony, Roof- Houston Heights West - Approval**
- I-3. **1134 Jerome Street - Alteration- Addition- Norhill - Approval**
- I-5. **712 Pizer Street - Alteration – Windows – Norhill - Denial**

- I-8. 702 Harvard Street - Alteration – Addition, Doors, Windows - Houston Heights South - Approval**
- I-9. 702 Harvard Street - New Construction – Accessory Building - Houston Heights South - Approval**
- I-11. 520 Heights Boulevard - Alteration – Addition, Foundation, Siding or Trim, Doors, Windows, Roof, Other - Houston Heights South - Approval**

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Yap, to accept staff recommendations for items **I-1, I-2, I-3, I-5, I-8, I-9, and I-11**. Motion carried unanimously.

- I-4. 1115 Peddie Street – Alteration - Addition, Foundation, Porch or Balcony, Roof – Norhill**
Motion was made by Commissioner McNeil, seconded by Commissioner Bucek, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item I-4 and issue a Certificate of Remediation per the application. Motion carried with Commissioner Stava abstaining.

- I-6. 2113 Lubbock Street – Alteration - Siding or Trim, Doors, Windows, Porch or Balcony, Roof – Old Sixth Ward**
Motion was made by Commissioner McNeil, seconded by Commissioner Yap, to defer item I-6. Motion carried unanimously.

- I-7. 815 Hawthorne Street - Alteration – Other - Audubon Place - Partial Approval**
Motion was made by Commissioner McNeil, seconded by Commissioner Srinivasan, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item I-7 and issue a Certificate of Remediation per option B (not A), with the condition that the details of the original porch be replicated. Motion carried unanimously.
Speaker: John Dazey, project architect – supportive.

- I-10. 1441 Ashland Street – New Construction - Single Family Residential – Houston Heights West**
Motion by Commissioner McNeil, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item I-10 with the conditions that City Council approves the change of designation of existing cottage to non-contributing, and with maximum ridge height of 30’-0”. Motion carried unanimously.
Speaker: Justin Patterson, applicant

- I-12. 7915 Glenlea Street – Alteration - Garage Doors – Glenbrook Valley**
Motion was made by Commissioner McNeil, seconded by Commissioner Wiedower-Jackson, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item I-12, and issue a Certificate of Remediation to replace existing columns with five wood or fiberglass columns to match original configuration and appearance, and to return garage to two single garage doors matching the appearance of the original. Motion carried unanimously.

**J. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
NONE**

K. COMMENTS FROM THE HAHC

Commissioner Yap asked about a report on 2211 Decatur. Director Wallace Brown said that the project has been red-tagged.

Chair Bickel Boesel thanked everyone for all their efforts this past year and asked all the new staff members to introduce themselves to the Commission. Staff members Jason Lilienthal, Terrance Jackson, Caitlin Mee, Yasmin Arslan, and Amanda Coleman spoke.

L. COMMENTS FROM THE STAFF

Roman McAllen talked about updates to the current web pages, including Preservation Tracker, that are ongoing and expected to be fully online in January.

M. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Commission, Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

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