

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

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

**March 25, 2021**

Telephonic/Videoconference Meeting held via Microsoft Teams <https://bit.ly/3tpmA7m>

2:00 p.m.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. with a roll call vote and a quorum present.

Minnette Bickel Boesel, Chair

David Bucek, Vice Chair

Arrived at 3:02 p.m. during item F-5

Steven Curry

Ann Collum

Absent

John Cosgrove

Ashley Elizabeth Jones

Ben Koush

Stephen McNiel

Arrived at 2:18 p.m. after the Chair's Report

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

The Chair requested a change in the order of reports due to connectivity issues.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Margaret Wallace Brown commented about 2020, Appeals Board activities, the staff addition of Madeleine Mayhan and the departure of Caitlin Mee, and related items. She also commented for Mayor's Liaison Marta Crinejo that Commissioners Koush, Jones, Srinivasan, Bucek, and Cosgrove were reappointed to two-year terms in March. She approved 8 administrative Certificates of Appropriateness (COA's), which are in addition to the items being considered today.

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

**NONE**

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Minnette Boesel reported on various Preservation activities, including that Preservation Houston Good Brick awards are being presented tonight at a drive-in theatre, the Mayor's office support of efforts to facilitate resolution on the current lease of the River Oaks Theatre, the Astrodome Conservancy Fun Run on April 2 – 11, and details of the city-owned Cohn Home, which is a City Protected Landmark.

## **APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 28, 2021 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION (HAHC) MEETING MINUTES**

Commission action: Approved the January 28, 2021 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission (HAHC) meeting minutes.

Motion: **Curry**

Second: **Jones**

Vote: **Carried**

Abstaining: **Yap**

### **A. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR THE BRENT HOUSE AT 7977 TATE STREET, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77028**

No action was taken on this item today.

### **B. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR THE MARTHA SCHUHMACHER PERLITZ HOUSE AT 503 AVONDALE STREET, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77006.**

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Yap, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove, that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Protected Landmark Designation application for the Martha Schuhmacher Perlitz House at 503 Avondale Street, Houston, Texas 77006. Motion carried with Commissioner Stava recusing.

### **C. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR THE LOUIS WHITE GROCERY BUILDING AT 4101 LYONS AVENUE, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77020.**

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sepulveda, seconded by Commissioner Stava, that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Protected Landmark Designation application for the Louis White Grocery Building at 4101 Lyons Avenue, Houston, Texas 77020. Motion carried unanimously.

### **D. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR THE WILLIAM H. CURTIN HOUSE AT 2504 DEL MONTE DRIVE, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77019.**

The Chair opened and closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Jones, that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Landmark Designation application for the William H. Curtin House at 2504 Del Monte Drive, Houston, Texas 77019. Motion carried unanimously.

**E. CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REFERRAL TO TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION FOR A LISTING ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES FOR HOLLYFIELD LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS AT 1731 WESTHEIMER ROAD, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77098.**

On behalf of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission, a letter will be sent to the Texas Historical Commission to approve the listing on the National Register of Historic Places for Hollyfield Laundry and Cleaners at 1731 Westheimer Road, Houston, Texas 77098.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Srinivasan, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to consider items **F-1, F-3, F-4, F-6, F-7 and F-8** together. Motion carried unanimously.

- F-1. 1209 Columbia St – Alteration - Addition, Foundation, Siding or Trim, Windows, Roof, Porch or Balcony – Houston Heights East – Approve**
- F-3. 740 Cortlandt St – Alteration - Addition, Foundation, Siding or Trim, Doors, Windows, Roof, Porch or Balcony – Houston Heights South – Approve with conditions**
- F-4. 1535 Rutland St – Alteration - Siding, Gable vent – Houston Heights West – Denial and issue a Certificate of Remediation.**
- F-6. 1121 Key St – Demolition - Garage or Carport – Norhill – Approve**
- F-7. 7897 Broadview Dr – Alteration - Door – Glenbrook Valley – Approve**
- F-8. 919 W Melwood St – Alteration - Siding, Doors – Norhill – Approve**

Motion was made by Commissioner Srinivasan, seconded by Commissioner Sepulveda, to accept staff recommendations for items **F-1, F-3, F-4, F-6, F-7 and F-8**. Motion carried unanimously.

**F-2. 826 Cortlandt St – New Construction - Single Family Residential – Houston Heights South**

Speakers: Dana Morgan, owner, Alec Ridgway, applicant – supportive.

No action was taken at this time.

**F-5. 603 Colquitt St – Alteration - Windows – First Montrose Commons**

Motion by Commissioner McNeil, seconded by Commissioner Stava, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item F-5, with the condition that the applicant work with staff to find a repair option and if the cost of the repair exceeds price of replacement, the applicant or owner may coordinate with staff about replacing existing windows. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Sally Vaughn, owner/applicant – supportive; Stephen Longmire – opposed.

The Commission returned to item F-2.

**F-2. 826 Cortlandt St – New Construction - Single Family Residential – Houston Heights South**

Motion by Commissioner Srinivasan, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item F-2, with the condition that the second porch has rail being 36” maximum in height and open balustrades. Motion carried unanimously.

**G. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC  
NONE**

**H. REPORT FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER**

Roman McAllen reported on the Conservation District Task Force of Livable Places, revisions to City’s Historic Preservation website and forms, the new pre-review process, a possible opportunity with Riceville Cemetery, progress by the Windows subcommittee, and possible future Preservation initiatives.

**I. COMMENTS FROM THE HAHC**

Chair Boesel recognized outgoing staff member Caitlin Mee for her service. Commissioner Yap asked if the Cohn house could be relocated to a vacant City lot in High First Ward, and related comments were made by Margaret Wallace Brown and Marta Crinejo.

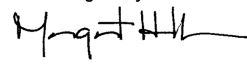
**J. COMMENTS FROM STAFF  
NONE**

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business brought before the Commission, Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

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**Minnette Bickel Boesel**  
Chair

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**Margaret Wallace Brown**  
Executive Secretary