

Minutes of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission

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

May 20, 2021

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

2:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with a roll call vote and a quorum present.

Minnette Bickel Boesel, Chair

David Bucek, Vice Chair

Steven Curry

Arrived at 2:10 p.m. before approval of the minutes

Ann Collum

John Cosgrove

Left at 2:51 p.m. after item C

Ashley Elizabeth Jones

Ben Koush

Stephen McNiel

Absent

Rhonda Sepulveda

Arrived at 2:26 p.m. during item A

Urmila Srinivasan

Absent

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

Minnette Boesel announced the Heritage Society's closing commemoration of the centennial of Women's Rights to Vote event.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Margaret Wallace Brown welcomed Councilmember David Robinson to address the Commission. He thanked the Commission. She then commented about the Conservation District Task Force activities with the Livable Places Committee. She reported approving 7 administrative Certificates of Appropriateness (COA's), which are in addition to the items being considered today. She also reported that there were 8 pre-application design review applications to staff, and that a May 10 appeal regarding windows at 603 Colquitt was upheld by the Appeals Board with conditions. City Council passed a protected landmark for the house at 1918 Crockett Street.

MAYOR'S LIAISON REPORT

NONE

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 22, 2021 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION (HAHC) MEETING MINUTES

Commission action: Approved the April 22, 2021 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission (HAHC) meeting minutes.

Motion: **Stava** Second: **Cosgrove** Vote: **Carried** Abstaining: **Yap**

A. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROPOSED BRUNNER-HARMONIUM HISTORIC DISTRICT

Motion by Commissioner Yap, seconded by Commissioner Stava, to approve the Brunner-Harmonium Historic District, and forward it to City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Speakers: Sanea Sakhyani, applicant, Catherine Anspen and Marlene Beita – supportive; Hilary Tyson – opposed. Karen Hallett, Mary Trevino – position not stated.

B. 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

Motion by Commissioner Yap, seconded by Commissioner Wiedower-Jackson, to approve the protected landmark designation application for the Brent House at 7977 Tate Street, Houston, Texas 77028, and forward it to City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Speakers: Sanea Sakhyani, applicant and Dr. Rosalyn Francis – supportive.

C. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR THE MR. AND MRS. ALFRED E. REIDL HOUSE AT 3428 PIPING ROCK LANE, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77027.

Motion by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove, to approve the protected landmark designation application for the Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Reidl House at 3428 Piping Rock Lane, Houston, Texas 77027, and forward it to City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

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

D-1. 1110 W Gray St – Alteration - Sign – Quality Landry Building – Approve

D-2. 1828 Cortlandt St – New Construction - Garage or Carport – Houston Heights East – Approve

D-7. 803 Bayland St – Alteration - Addition, Siding or Trim, Doors, Windows, Porch or Balcony – Woodland Heights – Approve

D-8. 707 Marshall St – Alteration - Addition – Audubon Place – Approve

D-9. 711 Kipling St – Alteration - Addition – Audubon Place – Approve

D-11. 917 Heights Blvd – Alteration - Siding or Trim, Doors, Windows, Porch or Balcony – Houston Heights South – Approve

D-12. 1311 Tulane St – Alteration - Addition, Other – Houston Heights West – Approve

Motion was made by Commissioner Curry, seconded by Commissioner Bucek, to consider items **D-1, D-2, D-7, D-8, D-9, D-11 and D-12** together. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Weidower-Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Yap, to accept staff recommendations for items **D-1, D-2, D-7, D-8, D-9, D-11 and D-12**. Motion carried unanimously.

D-3. 1828 Cortlandt St – Alteration - Addition, Foundation, Other – Garage or Carport – Houston Heights East

Motion by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Koush, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D-3. Motion carried unanimously.

D-4. 720 W Cottage St – Alteration - Addition, Foundation, Siding or Trim, Doors, Windows, Porch or Balcony, Roof – Norhill

Motion by Commissioner Sepulveda, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D-4, with the condition that the applicant install a vertical trim piece at the west elevation separating the original historic home from the addition. Motion carried with Commissioner Yap opposing and Commissioner Stava abstaining. Speaker – Laura Michaelides, – supportive. Annie Richardson – position not stated.

D-5. 8007 Colgate St – Change of Designation – Glenbrook Valley – Deny

Motion by Commissioner Curry, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to deny the Change in Designation for item D-5. Motion carried unanimously. Speaker – Stephen Stovall, owner – supportive.

D-6. 1027 Peddie St – Alteration - Addition – Norhill – Approve

Motion by Commissioner Yap, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D-6, with the condition that the two second floor windows on the front façade be 1/1 double hung. Motion carried with unanimously. Speaker – Daniel Huitrado, owner – supportive.

D-10. 8435 Glencrest St – Alteration - Windows, Doors – Glenbrook Valley – Deny

Motion by Commissioner Yap, seconded by Commissioner Stava, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item D-10 and issue a Certificate of Remediation. Motion carried with Commissioner Collum and Sepulveda abstaining. Speaker – Nereyda Villanueva, owner – supportive.

E. COMMENTS FROM THE HAHC

Commissioner Curry thanked staff for their help. Commissioner Curry and Boesel asked for any updates regarding the historic case before the Texas Supreme Court.

Commissioner Yap asked Roman McAllen why the number of COAs have dropped from the agenda, asked the Director about the status of the Cohn house being moved.

F. HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S REPORT

Roman McAllen mentioned upcoming meetings for 3 sets of design guidelines, and about Freedman Town activity. He thanked the windows subcommittee for working with staff and participating on a tour.

G. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Commission, Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel adjourned the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

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