

**MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL
COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, December 17, 2014
Meeting Held at the City Hall Annex, Council Chamber, Public Level
900 Bagby Street, Houston TX 77002
3:00 PM**

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Chair, Mr. Maverick Welsh, with a quorum present. The following Commission members noted with "P" were present during all or portions of the meeting and the members noted with "A" were absent.

Edie Archer	A
Debra Blacklock-Sloan	P
David Bucek	P
Romulo Tim Cisneros	A
Ann Collum	P
John Cosgrove	P
Douglas Elliott	P
Jorge Garcia-Herrerros	P
Rob D. Hellyer	P
Paul Homeyer	A
Anna Mod	P Arrived at 3:54 pm during item B-9
Charles Stava	P
Maverick Welsh	P

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chair's report was given by Chair, Maverick Welsh. Mr. Welsh reviewed the operating procedures and Speaker Rules for the audience and also announced the meeting was airing live on HTV and asked everyone to speak into the microphone so they could be heard. He also encouraged each Commissioner to participate in each vote and to make motions to help move the meeting along. Gave a report on a meeting he and many individuals attended with Urban Land Institute. The meeting gave many experts the opportunity to look at the potential reuse and redevelopment of the Astrodome. The ULI will be presenting their recommendations to the County Friday. He thanked Edgar Colon and County Judge Ed Emmett for inviting everyone to give their input on what to do with the Astrodome.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's report was given by Director, Patrick Walsh. Mr. Walsh gave an update regarding the meetings the Historic Preservation Ordinance Review committee are having and hopes to have some recommendations for the community to consider in the early part of 2015. He mentioned the distribution of the City's Spark Park calendars for the Commissioners to enjoy. Also, he participated in one of the panel discussions the Chairman spoke about regarding the repurposing of the Astrodome and he applauded the ULI for their efforts and is looking forward to hearing the results of their analysis.

MAYOR'S CULTURAL LIAISON REPORT

None

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2014 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Stava, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Herreros, to approve the November 20, 2014 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

A. MONTHLY PRESERVATION TOPIC:

A presentation on the Reference Book for Evaluating Certificates of Appropriateness (RBECA) was given by Rice University Students Isabella Marcotulli and Jonathan Capo.

B. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS:

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan to consider agenda items B-1, B-2, B-3, B-4, B-5, B-10, B-11, B-12, B-16, B-23, and B-24 together at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **1719 Crockett St. – High First Ward Historic District – Alteration–Siding/Windows/Porch**
2. **217 Marshall St. – Westmorland Historic District – Alteration–Addition**
3. **304 Hawthorne St. – Westmorland Historic District – New Construction–Accessory Bldg.**
4. **812 W. Fugate St. – Norhill Historic District – Alteration–Addition *Revision***
5. **4009 Pineridge St. – Norhill Historic District – Alteration–Addition**
10. **1235 Columbia St. – Houston Heights East Historic District – New Construction–Carport *Resubmittal***
11. **1141 Arlington St. – Houston Heights East Historic District – Alteration–Addition**
12. **802 Arlington St. – Houston Heights South Historic District – Alteration–Addition *Revision***
16. **1634 Columbia St. – Houston Heights East Historic District – Alteration–Porch *Noncontributing***
23. **7506 Glenvista St. – Glenbrook Valley Historic District – New Construction–Accessory Bldg.**
24. **8234 Glen Valley Dr. – Glenbrook Valley Historic District – Alteration–Windows/Roof *Resubmittal***

Motion made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Hellyer, to grant Certificates of Appropriateness. Motion carried unanimously.

6. 408 Highland St. – Woodland Heights Historic District (Alteration–Windows/Porch)

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-6. Motion carried unanimously.

7. 714 Woodland St. – Woodland Heights Historic District (Alteration–Porch) *Resubmittal*

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Herreros to partially grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-7 as follows: Approval of the brick wing walls on the side of the concrete steps located on the north and east elevations. Denial of the application of the brick facing to the concrete front porch steps. Motion carried unanimously.

8. 3215 Morrison St. – Woodland Heights Historic District (New Construction–Residence) *Resubmittal*

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Stava to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-8. Motion carried unanimously.

9. 516 Columbia St. – Houston Heights South Historic District (Alteration–Addition/Windows)

Motion was made by Commissioner Bucek, seconded by Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan to partially grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-9 as follows: to approve the addition, but maintain

the existing residence and maintain and repair the original siding and maintain and repair the historic windows. Motion carried with Commissioner Collum and Mod abstaining.

Speakers: Crystal Perez, owner – supportive; Kent Marsh – opposed and Pete Stockton – Sr. Inspector, City of Houston Code Enforcement.

13. 642 Columbia St. – Houston Heights South Historic District (New Construction–Residence/Garage)

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Mod to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-13 with the following conditions: The decorative double-hung windows are to be 1-over-1, all other decorative windows are to be single-lite, the steps are to be constructed from wood or a composite material and the decorative porch railing is to be simplified. Motion carried with Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan, Commissioner Cosgrove and Commissioner Hellyer opposing. Speakers: Karen Brasier, applicant, Brooke and Lucas Brown, owners – supportive and Kent Marsh – supportive of staff's recommendations.

14. 525 Cortlandt St. – Houston Heights South Historic District (Alteration-Addition) *Revision*

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Elliott to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-14. Motion carried with Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan, Commissioner Cosgrove, Commissioner Hellyer and Commissioner Mod opposing.

Speakers: Sam Sidel and Ryan Atlee, applicant – supportive; Kent Marsh – opposed and Pete Stockton – Sr. Inspector, City of Houston Code Enforcement.

15. 417 W. 12th St. – Houston Heights West Historic District (Alteration–Addition) *Resubmittal*

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Herreros to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-15. Motion carried with Commissioner Hellyer opposing.

Speaker: Kent Marsh – opposed.

17.1832 Columbia St. – Houston Heights East Historic District (Alteration–Addition)

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Mod to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-17. Motion carried unanimously.

Speakers: Mark Margavio, owner and Gail Schorre, applicant – supportive; Kent Marsh - opposed.

18. 1405 Arlington St. – Houston Heights East Historic District (New Construction–Residence) *Revision*

Motion was made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Herreros to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-18. Motion carried with Commissioner Hellyer opposing.

Speakers: Chauntelle and Mark Baughman, owners and Mike Flanagan – supportive; Kent Marsh – opposed and Pete Stockton – Sr. Inspector, City of Houston Code Enforcement.

19. 734 Arlington St. – Houston Heights South Historic District (Relocation/Alteration–Addition)

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Herreros to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-19. Motion carried with Commissioner Bucek and Commissioner Hellyer opposing.

Speakers: Dave and Amy Seeburger owners, Jamie House, Tericia Geloneck and Brie Kelman – supportive; Mike and Christine Hansen – opposed; Kent Marsh – supportive of the addition but opposed to moving the house.

20. 909 Texas Ave. – Rice Hotel / Main St. Market Square Historic District (Alteration–Commercial Bldg.)

Motion was made by Commissioner Blacklock-Sloan, seconded by Commissioner Collum to partially grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-20 as follows: Approval of the window alterations. Denial of the alterations to the Texas Street entry. Motion carried with Commissioner Bucek and Commissioner Mod opposing.

Speaker: David Euscher, applicant – supportive.

21. 504 Avondale St. – Avondale West Historic District (Alteration–Windows) Resubmittal

Motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Bucek to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item B-21. Motion carried with Commissioner Hellyer opposing.

Speaker: Adam Bakir, applicant – supportive.

22. 400 Cordell St. – PLM / Whitaker-Graliano-Brown House (Alteration–Addition) Revision Withdrawn

C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE HAHC:

Commissioner Welsh mentioned he saw Commissioner Bucek on HTV regarding a Court House project where they talked about the restoration of the different court houses.

Commissioner Elliott expressed his views about the issue of denying COAs for things that have already occurred. Especially regarding people that are not able to use their house because of a certain violation that is very unusual and is not intended by the ordinance. Also, commented on the issues regarding the Midtown TIRZ Board proposal to expand the Midtown TIRZ into Montrose. It recently went before City Council for discussion. The expansion would include Westmoreland, Audubon Place and First Montrose Commons. The goal of the expansion would be to improve the West Alabama Corridor and he hopes the Commission or the City would recognize the potential to use the TIRZ expansion to improve the signage, and public education about the Historic Districts especially along the West Alabama Corridor.

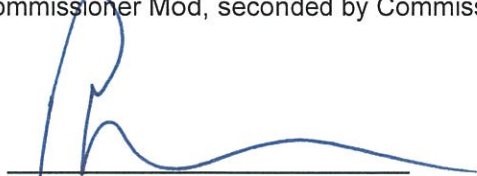
Director Walsh commented he would be happy to direct staff to look into any desires of the Commission as it relates to the TIRZ boundaries expansion and will talk to the Mayor Administration about it. Also, on Commissioner Elliott's first point regarding historic material gone and the question of "now what do we do?" Commissioner Elliott has identified a significant policy issue and the department will come back with some proposals for the Commission to consider.

Commissioner Mod stated her opinion on the 1405 Arlington property that was approved and was done inappropriately.

Commissioner Cosgrove asked if any appeals went before the Commission last month.

D. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business brought before the Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Mod, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove to adjourn the meeting 6:46 p.m.



Maverick Welsh
Chair



Patrick Walsh
Executive Secretary