LANDMARK PRESERVATION COMMISSION

2018 ANNUAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

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Clockwise from top left: Marrow Bone Spring | Sign from Candlelite Inn, 1202 E. Division Street | Toll booth from the Turnpike, now Interstate 30 (ca. 1956) | Interurban Wait Station, reconstructed on the Fielder House property, 1616 W. Abram Street | Gated Entrance to Arlington Baptist College - once Top O'Hill Terrace | Vandergriff Buick sign (date unknown) | Sandstone chimney on the Jopling/Melear cabin located in Knapp Heritage Park, 201 W. Front Street | Arlington Downs grandstand (date unknown).

CERTIFICATES OF DEMOLITION

Unified Arlington Development Code requires Landmark Preservation Commission (LPC) review of demolition and relocation applications permit all structures at least 50 years of age, whose age is unknown, or those with historical designations. Office of Strategic Initiatives staff provide historic review and property history as well as exterior photos for the Commission's review.

All of the properties listed in the table were reviewed by the Commission at a public hearing. Date of construction is listed according to Tarrant Appraisal District records. The 2007 Historic Resources

Address	Const. Date	Appl. Date	Priority
1118 Gibbons Road	1960	1-11-2018	LOW
7201 Silo Road	2000	1-11-2018	none
7301 Silo Road	ca. 1910	1-11-2018	HIGH
5311 Waterview Drive	1950	4-11-2018	none
1312 Woodbrook Street	1965	7-12-2018	none
1301 Willowbrook Street	1965	7-12-2018	none
924 Milby Road	1940	7-12-2018	LOW
6715 Calendar Road	1967	7-12-2018	none
513 Circle Drive	1955	9-13-2018	none
1123 Altman Drive	1958	10-11-2018	none
1212 Roosevelt Street	1951	11-8-2018	none
4905 W. Mayfield Road	1965	11-8-2018	none
1104 S. Mesquite (Relocation)	1948	12-13-2018	none
502 Houston Street (Relocation)	1958	12-13-2018	none

Survey is used by City staff and the Commissioners to determine if the property is an historically-contributing structure to Arlington.

The 14 applications received in 2018 were all released by the Commission and are listed in the table below. The number of applications increased significantly in 2018 - there were 8 permits reviewed in 2017, and 10 permits in 2016.

DANGEROUS/SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES

Address	LPC Date
1408 Carswell Terrace	1-11-2018
2017 Skylark Drive	2-8-2018
609 West Inwood Drive	3-8-2018
905 Aleta Street	3-8-2018
2130 Miriam Lane	6-14-2018
1506 Mitchell Street	7-12-2018
731 Highland Drive	7-12-2018
1845 Ida Street	8-9-2018
1010 Milby Road	9-13-2018
1123 Altman Drive	10-11-2018
519 Bowen Road	11-8-2018
1430 S. West Street	11-8-2018
905 Gaye Lane	12-13-2018

The Dangerous and Substandard Structures (DSS) team of the Code Compliance division investigates dangerous buildings, the conditions of which endanger the life, health, property, or safety of the public. On occasion the Commission must review the cases being worked by the DSS team due to the potential demolition of the structure.

The properties listed here were reviewed and released to the City of Arlington for appropriate action. DSS team officers provided case information related to review of dangerous structures.

The Commission turned over 13 properties listed in the table to the left for appropriate action by the DSS team. This number was higher than previous years - there were 9 cases reviewed in 2017, and 17 cases in 2016.

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTING

As a member of the Certified Local Government program, annual reports must be provided to the Texas Historical Commission and National Park Service. Reporting was completed to both organizations in January 2019.

2019 LANDMARK PRESERVATION COMMISSION WORK PLAN

The Landmark Preservation Commission (LPC) Work Plan serves as a guide to the LPC for the work they accomplish each year. In general, the Landmark Preservation Commission has wide-ranging goals and objectives based on the goals of the City Council and the adopted 2010 Historic Preservation Plan for the City of Arlington. While many of these Goals and Objectives can take many years to achieve the Action Table for each goal highlights the specific work of the Landmark Preservation Commission throughout 2019.

1. Local Marker Program

- Market and Implement the Program
- Assist in preparing local marker application nominations for additional High Priority properties as Arlington landmarks

2. Outreach

- Increase awareness of Arlington landmark preservation efforts with local, state, and national preservation organizations
- Update LPC Pages on the City website
- Continue to promote Arlington history on City social media pages

3. Incentives

- Propose an Incentive Program for consideration by the Council
- 4. Landmark Preservation (LP) Overlay
 - Evaluate existing overlay and study opportunities for including additional properties, buildings, and sites for increased preservation
 - Explore how LP Overlay properties can coordinate with potential incentives
 - Recommend changes/updates to LP Overlay to Planning and Zoning Commission

5. Tourism

- Study possibility of walking tour of local landmarks, including a smartphone application
- Create and market an interactive map of all local marker sites to add to the City website and other appropriate online networks
- 6. Training & Networking
 - Seek opportunities for training related to preservation
 - Ensure all Commissioners have current ethics and open meetings training

- Attend Other Historic Group Meetings, and Network with Other Historic Interest Groups
- Explore hosting a Texas Historic Commission training event

7. Commission Membership

- Actively recruit LPC members when necessary
- Improve communications with the City to assist the LPC in effectively fulfilling its role

8. Staff Support

- Keep Commissioners informed about community preservation events and initiatives, especially the 100th Anniversary of Meadowbrook Park celebration.
- Continue staff functions, including:
 - 1. Assist with case reports for demolition permits that are referred to the Commission by Planning and Development Services department
 - 2. Review applicable zoning cases for their potential effect on historic properties and inform the Commission
 - 3. Prepare annual Certified Local Government (CLG) and other grant applications on behalf of the Commission
 - 4. Coordinate training opportunities for the Commission and staff including Texas Historical Commission-approved events
 - 5. Network and coordinate with the private sector, the community, and other City departments on preservation issues and efforts
 - 6. Coordinate with the Arlington CVB in promoting preservation and heritage tourism in Arlington

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The Landmark Preservation Commission is pleased to present our 2018 annual report to the Mayor and City Council. Our nine dedicated Commissioners worked diligently to preserve our city's historic landmarks and educate our citizens about the significance of these sites.

Arlington historic resources continue to decline in number every year. Our city will continue to grow and develop. Our goals to preserve and share our history with visitors and residents of our community may sustain our past identity and sense of place, as we move to the future. Hopefully, the Commissioner's efforts will continue to keep our city's historic soul alive for future generations.

This report will highlights the Commission's efforts to mark Arlington's history. We are continuing to expand our efforts, at the request of City Council, to aid in the education of citizens and visitors of the historic sites in the city. This past year our citizens have shown us quality examples of the value of preservation and adaptive reuse.

It has been a privilege and honor to serve as Chairperson for LPC and thank you for giving our Commissioners the opportunity to serve Arlington by helping to oversee and preserve our historic resources and history.

LANDMARK PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Michelle Canton, Chair

IN THE NEWS

The following historical news features were published in 2018:

- "DAR Lucretia Council Cochran Chapter Honors WWI Veterans in Arlington" (MyArlingtonTX News 11/13)
- "Honoring Our Past: Arlington Heritage Memorial Grounds" (MyArlingtonTX News 10/30)
- "Remembering One of Arlington's Great Women: City Marshall Carrie Rogers" (MyArlingtonTX News 11/9)

The LPC also began a partnership with the Office of Communication to launch a monthly historical series called "A Look Back", authored by Commissioner Owen "OK" Carter. 2018 articles included:

- "Crash of Engine 642 Marks First Rail Disaster for Arlington" (8/15)
- "North Arlington Used to be a Neighborhood with Real Bite" (9/5)
- "From 'Vandergriff's Folly' to 'Miracle Lake'" (10/4)
- "Col. William A. Bowen's Namesake Street Runs Through Three Cities" (12/7)

2018 LANDMARK PRESERVATION COMMISSIONERS

Place 1	LeJuene Montgomery (appointed July 2016) Kristina Rumans (appointed November 2018)
Place 2	Lisa Allen (reappointed August 2018)
Place 3	Geoff Scheid (appointed September 2017)
Place 4	Dorothy Rencurrel (reappointed July 2017)
Place 5	Geraldine Mills (reappointed July 2017)
Place 6	Barbara Reber (reappointed August 2018)
Place 7	Cheryl Donaldson (reappointed August 2016) Owen "OK" Carter (appointed July 2018)
Place 8	Michelle Canton, Chair (reappointed July 2017)
Place 9	Valerie Galloway (reappointed July 2017)

CITY STAFF LIAISONS

Senior Planner Sarah Stubblefield, AICP continued to serve as staff support and Historic Preservation Officer in 2018.

Cindy Harding, Administrative Assistant replaced Estela Bush as the secretary to the Commission.

