



## MINUTES

Landmark Preservation Commission  
Regular Session

Council Briefing Room, City Hall  
101 W. Abram Street, 3rd Floor

Thursday, March, 10, 2016  
6:15 p.m.

### Commissioners Present

Roger Wehr, Chair  
Michelle Canton  
Roxanne Thalman  
Barbara Reber

Geraldine Mills  
Cheryl Donaldson  
Glenn Day

### Absent

Valle Caldwell  
Dorothy Rencurrel

### Staff

Sarah Stubblefield  
Cindy Harding

**I. Call to Order** – Chair Wehr called the meeting to order at 6:23 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Announcements**

Ms. Stubblefield introduced Barbara Reber as the newest member of the Commission in Place 6.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Thalman moved to approve the February 11, 2016 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Mills, the minutes were approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

**V. Dangerous Structures**

#### **505 Taylor Street**

Code Officer Stewart noted that 505 Taylor Street, a vacant home built around 1930, had a warped roof with plastic coverings on the windows. Upon further interior inspection, water damage, causing a sagging ceiling, with hazardous wiring and plumbing was discovered. The owners are deceased and no relatives had responded to numerous notices. The home is a bungalow style in the historic Hill Neighborhood. It was suggested that there might be someone interested in rehabilitation of the home.

Commissioner Canton moved to continue the case to the next meeting for further research due to the historic significance to the City. Seconded by Commissioner Thalman, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

#### **2501 Medlin Drive**

Code Officer Stewart noted that 2501 Medlin Drive, a home built in 1960, was currently zoned Office Commercial and used for an office, had water leaks and dilapidated flooring. The owner wished to rehab the structure, but the water damage was quite extensive and mold had become an issue. A secondary structure, still in good condition, was being used for storage; however, it could not remain without the primary structure.

The owner hopes to completely rehab the office structure and save both buildings. If the structure were turned over to the City, the owner would be able to have a hearing with Code Enforcement and begin the rehab process.

Commissioner Thalman moved to approve the release of 2501 Medlin Drive to the City. Seconded by Commissioner Donaldson, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

## **VI. Demolition Applications**

### **1201 Thannisch Drive**

The home was built in 1958 and has no historic significance. The property is located in the Entertainment district and the new owners also purchased the lot just to the north at 1204 Thannisch and wish to combine the two residential lots.

Commissioner Thalman moved to approve the release of the structure at 1201 Thannisch Drive to the City. Seconded by Commissioner Donaldson, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

### **2809 Turner Warnell Road**

This home had been demolished prior to the meeting so there was no need for discussion.

## **VII. Work Plan Items**

### **Priority Historic Resources**

Ms. Stubblefield reminded the Commission that a come and go event from noon to 7:00 p.m. would take place at the Top O' Hill on April 9, 2016, raising funds for the repair of a retaining wall in the Tea Garden.

On Saturday, April 23, 2016, a collectible car group would be coming through Texas on the Bankhead Highway, stopping at Top O' Hill Terrace for a short time.

The Mayor would be presenting a Proclamation in May for Historic Preservation Month.

### **New Commissioner Appointments**

Commissioner Reber told the group a bit about herself and introduced her husband, Ron, who had served on the LPC for several years.

### **Local Marker Program**

The Dedication Ceremony Committee met on March 4th at Everest College, and would be meeting again with Commissioners Mills and Canton on April 1st to finalize plans for the Arlington Downs Racetrack and Fountain dedication ceremony to be held in conjunction with the Top O' Hill event on April 9, 2016. Chair Wehr would serve as emcee and Ms. Martin would be speaking. Invitations would be mailed the week of March 14th.

The President of Everest College agreed to co-host the marker dedication and the two events would bring more attention to the historical marker as well as the fundraiser. The



College would be making a donation to the Historical Society and using an old photo from Arlington Downs as a mural in one of their hallways.

Lone Star Park would be honoring Arlington Downs and W.T. Waggoner in a race on April 17th.

**VIII. Historic Preservation Officer Report**

The City's 2015 Annual Report had been updated and would be presented to City Council on Tuesday, March 22, 2016.

**IX. Public Forum**

Ron Reber noted that he had been in touch with the current owners of the Bird's Fort property, the Armentrout family, located adjacent to the Viridian project. Mr. Reber gave a brief history of the Fort and an old cemetery which had been scrapped away in the 1970's. A marble centennial marker, which had been vandalized, was now in the possession of the Armentrout family in storage until a suitable location for placement can be found.

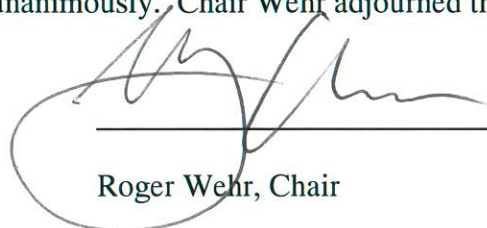
Chair Wehr reminded the Commissioners that Dr. Valin Woodward, past President of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), Arlington Chapter #7, would be honored with a grave marker dedication on March 12, 2016, in the Arlington City Cemetery, 801 Mary Street. Commissioner Mills noted that the Woodward family would be invited to a luncheon at the Fielder House prior to the cemetery event.

**X. Future Agenda Items – April 14, 2016**

- o Historic Cemeteries on Arkansas Lane

**XI. Adjourn at 7:34 p.m.**

Commissioner Canton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Thalman, the motion passed unanimously. Chair Wehr adjourned the meeting.



Roger Wehr, Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Commission  
APPROVED this 14th day of April 2016

