



MINUTES

Landmark Preservation Commission
Regular Session

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

Thursday, May, 12, 2016
6:15 p.m.

Commissioners Present

Roger Wehr, Chair
Roxanne Thalman
Dorothy Rencurrel

Geraldine Mills
Glenn Day
Barbara Reber

Absent

Valle Caldwell
Michelle Canton
Cheryl Donaldson

Staff

Sarah Stubblefield
Theresa Wilcox
Alicia Winkelblech
Galen Gatten

I. **Call to Order** – Chair Wehr called the meeting to order at 6:19 p.m.

II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

III. **Announcements**

Ms. Stubblefield reminded the Commission to use their microphones, then introduced staff members and visitors.

IV. **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Reber moved to approve the April 14 and April 27, 2016 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Thalman, the minutes were approved by a vote of 6-0-0.

V. **Dangerous Structures**

205 East Second Street

Code Officer Stewart noted that 205 East Second Street was a circa 1940 garage apartment building and was a low priority on the Historic Register. The structure was in poor condition and had a long history with Code Enforcement regarding roofing issues, faulty weather protection, broken and boarded up windows, dangerous wiring, and unclean premises. The owner of the property was trying to evict squatters who were currently residing in the structure and the police were involved.

Commissioner Day moved to approve the release of 205 East Second Street to the City. Seconded by Commissioner Rencurrel, the motion was approved by a vote of 6-0-0.

1208 Park Street

Code Officer Stewart noted that the vacant home at 1208 Park Street was built in 1962 and had unstable floors with a dilapidated foundation. The roof and ceiling were falling down from water damage, windows were broken, and the interior of the home had hazardous wiring and plumbing throughout.

Commissioner Rencurrel moved to approve the release of 1208 Park Street to the City. Seconded by Commissioner Mills, the motion was approved by a vote of 6-0-0.

VI. Demolition Applications

2909 Turner Warnell Road

Ms. Stubblefield noted that this home being used for a commercial business was built in 1960 and had no known historic significance. The property was annexed into the City in the 1980's and is surrounded by industrial zoning. If this demolition is approved, a new commercial building will be constructed on the site.

Commissioner Thalman moved to approve the demolition of 2909 Turner Warnell Road. Seconded by Commissioner Day, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

VII. Presentation

Ms. Rumans noted that an application for a historic marker regarding the property known as Middleton Tate Johnson Plantation Cemetery on Arkansas Lane had been submitted. This property is actually three cemeteries: The Mill Branch Cemetery, with the earliest known burial being in the 1850's; The Middleton Tate Johnson Family Plot; and the Arlington African American Cemetery, with the earliest known burial being 1915-16. The Landmark Commission Marker would read "The Historic Cemeteries on Arkansas Lane", with a suggested notation about the three cemeteries.

A presentation about Historic Cemeteries on Arkansas Lane, now owned by the Arlington Historical Society, was presented by Commissioner Mills. The Arlington Preservation Foundation has placed a marker on the African American Cemetery, but funding is needed for signage, fencing, and preservation of all three cemeteries, showing respect for Arlington's heritage. Tarrant County is currently assisting with determining the location of unmarked graves through the use of GPR technology. Many civic groups have shown interest in the funding of the preservation, but plans need to be created.

VIII. Work Plan Items

Priority Historic Resources

It was noted that a new residential phase of Viridian, near Bird's Fort, was recently presented to the City Council.

New Commissioner Appointments

There would be two vacancies on the Commission in July 2016.

Local Marker Program

Two applications had been received.

IX. Historic Preservation Officer Report

The Mayor presented a Proclamation for Historic Preservation Month on May 10th. The Office of Communication recorded a "Culture Buzz" with Mr. O.K. Carter about the Bankhead Highway, which is currently published on the City website.

Ms. Stubblefield and the Commission discussed the Ordinances governing the Landmark Preservation Commission, and potential changes to current procedures to further current preservation efforts of the Commission.

X. Public Forum

Ms. Rumans reminded the Commission that they were not a Board but a Commission and commented on the importance of LPC's role in preserving Arlington's history.

XI. Future Agenda Items – June 9, 2016

XII. Adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

Chair Wehr adjourned the meeting.



Cheryl Donaldson, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Commission
APPROVED this 9th day of June 2016

