



## MINUTES

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**Landmark Preservation Commission  
Regular Session**

**Council Briefing Room- City Hall  
101 W. Abram Street**

**Thursday, November 8, 2018  
6:15 p.m.**

**Commissioners Present**

Michelle Canton, Chair  
Lisa Allen  
Barbara Reber  
Geraldine Mills  
Geoff Scheid  
O.K. Carter  
Dorothy Rencurrel

**Absent**

Le Juene Montgomery  
Valerie Galloway

**Staff**

Anthony Cisneros  
Kerk Gray  
Cindy Harding

- I. **Call to Order** – Chair Canton called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Announcements**  
None
- IV. **Approval of Minutes**  
Commissioner Carter moved to approve the October 11, 2018 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Reber, the minutes were approved unanimously.
- V. **Dangerous and Substandard Structures**

**519 S. Bowen Road**

Code Officer Kerk Gray gave a presentation regarding the disrepair of the home and its status as a dangerous structure. It was noted that the owners of the home lived in Mabank and the sale of the home was pending, and that a new owner could take possession by the end of December, with plans to bring the home up to current standards for resale. The City would work with the new owner, but would move forward with the DSS process in the meantime due to a swimming pool in the backyard which needed abatement.

Commissioner Reber moved to approve the release of 519 S. Bowen Road to the City. Seconded by Commissioner Scheid, the motion was approved unanimously.

**1430 S. West Street**

Code Officer Kerk Gray gave a presentation regarding the serious disrepair of the home and its status as a dangerous structure. It was noted that the home, built in 1953, was recently sold and that the new owner had applied for permits to repair the structure and had

already begun cleaning up the premises. Code Enforcement planned to move forward with the DSS process in case the home was too severe to be updated according to current building codes.

Commissioner Rencurrel moved to approve the release of 1430 S. West Street to the City. Seconded by Commissioner Reber, the motion was approved unanimously.

## **VI. Demolition Permit Applications**

### **1212 Roosevelt Street**

Mr. Cisneros gave a presentation, stating that the property was of no historic significance. Andres Casco, a consulting Engineer with Mycoskie McInnis, & Associates, Inc., was present in support of the demolition. Commissioner Carter provided additional photos of the structure, which was in terrible condition. Code Officer Gray mentioned that he had investigated the property as a possible Dangerous and Substandard Structure and that he agreed with the proposal to demolish. The home is owned by a neighboring school with plans to create additional parking.

Commissioner Reber moved to approve removal of the 30 day stay on the demolition of 1212 Roosevelt Street. Seconded by Commissioner Rencurrel, the motion was approved unanimously.

### **4905 W. Mayfield Road**

Mr. Cisneros gave a presentation, stating that the property was of no historic significance. Commissioner Canton provided additional photos of the structure and the surrounding property. The home was damaged by a tornado several years before and was in disrepair.

Commissioner Rencurrel moved to approve removal of the 30 day stay on the demolition of 4905 W. Mayfield Road. Seconded by Commissioner Allen, the motion was approved unanimously.

## **VII. Approval of 2019 Meeting Schedule**

Discussion was tabled to the December 13th meeting.

## **VIII. Work Plan Items**

### **1. Bird's Fort State Centennial Marker**

No update was available.

### **2. Heritage Cemeteries on Arkansas Lane Update**

Commissioner Mills informed the commission that fundraiser breakfast was held at the Museum of Art in October, hosted by Chaplain Rich Stoglin. There had been 77 grave markers located and there were plans for a marker listing the names of those buried in 33 unmarked graves.

### **3. Fielder House – 1st Floor Renovations**

Commissioner Mills reported that drywall and painting of the office area, kitchen, and bathroom was progressing nicely and that a fundraiser would be held in the near future.

**4. 404 E. First Street (Ghormley-Arnold House)**

Commissioner Carter reported that he had met with James Walker, leader of the Watchman Fellowship, and that they would be interested in assistance with the repairs needed for the home.

**5. Other Priority Historic Resources**

None

**IX. Social Media Outreach**

**1. Social Media Outreach**

Mr. Cisneros reported that an article on Carrie Rogers was published the previous week. There was also discussion about a recent article published regarding the Tarrant County Historical Commission's assistance with repairing a retaining wall in the Top O'Hill Terrace tea garden.

**X. Historic Preservation Officer Report**

None

**XI. Public Forum**

Mr. Patrick Kelly, a local resident with property to adjacent to the Randol Mill Park Nature Preserve, was in attendance to offer his expertise with preservation and restoration of native trees such as post oaks and pecan trees within the city. His website, [thepostoaks.org](http://thepostoaks.org), is an integral text on post oak trees and has been used in updating textbooks. He mentioned that UTA had many volunteers available to assist in keeping historic trees healthy and grow new trees from acorns. Chair Canton suggested that this become a topic in the social media outreach.

**XII. Future Agenda Items – December 13, 2018**

Sandstone Houses  
Heritage Cemeteries

**XIII. Adjourn**

Chair Michelle Canton adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.



Michelle Canton, Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Commission  
APPROVED this 13th day of December 2018

