



## MINUTES

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Landmark Preservation Commission  
Regular Session

Council Briefing Room- City Hall  
101 W. Abram Street

Thursday, February 21, 2019  
6:15 p.m.

**Commissioners Present**

Michelle Canton, Chair  
Lisa Allen  
Geraldine Mills  
Geoff Scheid  
Kristina Rumans  
Dorothy Rencurrel  
Valerie Galloway

**Absent**

Barbara Reber  
O.K. Carter

**Staff**

Sarah Stubblefield  
Anthony Cisneros  
Kerk Gray  
Doug Stewart  
Cindy Harding

- I. **Call to Order** – Chair Canton called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Announcements**  
Commissioner Mills announced that the groundbreaking for the Arlington Heritage Memorial Grounds would be held on Friday, February 22, 2019.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes**  
Commissioner Rumans moved to approve the January 10, 2019, minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Rencurrel, the minutes were approved unanimously.
- V. **Dangerous and Substandard Structures**
  1. **202 Burton Drive**  
Code Officer Kerk Gray gave a presentation regarding the condition and recent history of the home, built in 1956, and its status as a dangerous structure. In August 2017, the home was still occupied even though it had severe fire damage. In September 2017, the home became the center of a homicide investigation after two bodies were found buried on the property. After the investigation, the home owner attempted to rehab the home, but never finished the project. The property was sold in December 2018, and the new owner continued the rehab process; however, they have failed to bring the home and property back into compliance. Code Compliance requests to place the property under a Court Order to encourage the new owner to either finish the rehab or demolish the structure.

Commissioner Rencurrel moved to approve the release of the historic stay on 202 Burton Drive to the City. Seconded by Commissioner Mills, the motion was approved unanimously.

## **VI. Demolition Permit Applications**

### **1. 204 E. Second Street**

Ms. Stubblefield gave a presentation regarding the two-story detached garage apartment. The primary structure, a sandstone house, would not be affected and the current owner is preparing an application for a local historic marker for the house.

Commissioner Allen moved to release the 30-day stay for the garage apartment located at 204 E. Second Street. Seconded by Commissioner Rencurrel, the motion was approved unanimously.

### **2. 3900 Perkins road (aka 3824 Perkins Road)**

Ms. Stubblefield gave a presentation regarding the located on two acres and built in 1968. Commissioner Allen had taken photos of the property but had not been able to contact the owner or gain access to the inside of the home to determine the condition. It was noted that the home had met the minimum requirements in 2015 per Code Compliance standards. The current owner had replaced the chain-link fencing with wrought-iron and intended to build a new home on the site. Based on the outward appearance of the home, it was suggested that the owner be contacted and encouraged to pursue selling the home to a moving company as opposed to demolition.

Commissioner Scheid moved to release the 30-day stay for the home located at 3900 Perkins Road, with a stipulation that the owner be asked to consider selling the home as a relocation project. After it was noted that the demolition permit would be released for issue the following morning, the motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Allen then moved to extend the 30-day stay for the home located at 3900 Perkins Road and invite the owner to the March 21st meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Rumans, the motion was approved unanimously.

## **VII. Work Plan Items**

### **1. Arlington Heritage Memorial Grounds Update**

Commissioner Mills reminded the Commission that the groundbreaking ceremony for the Arlington Heritage Memorial Grounds would be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 22nd.

### **2. Fielder House Renovations Update**

Commissioner Mills stated that the renovation was complete and that decisions were being made on re-furnishing the home and setting up exhibits. She expected a grand re-opening to be scheduled in March.

### **3. Other Priority Historic Resources**

Commissioner Mills mentioned that the original Arlington High School building located on the southeast corner of S. Cooper Street and W. Abram Street was under consideration with UTA for demolition due to its deteriorated condition. The location is State property and not under the jurisdiction of the City; however, the Commission is interested in preserving any part of the structure if possible. Ms. Stubblefield stated

that House Bill 5 (HB-5), a University bond package, was currently in the Senate Committee and that UTA had requested funds for new development. It was suggested that private citizens along with Arlington High Alumni might organize and look into potential preservation options.

4. **2019 Work Plan Subcommittee Discussion**

Ms. Stubblefield went over the goals for the coming year, along with actions which could be accomplished within a year. The list of goals included the Local Marker Program, an Outreach program, Incentives, the Landmark Preservation Overlay, Tourism, Training and Networking, the Commission, and Staff Support. The Work Plan would be added to a March 2019 LPC agenda for approval as presented and transmitted to the City Council with the Annual Report required by ordinance.

**VIII. Social Media Outreach**

Ms. Stubblefield noted that the February article would be published soon.

**IV. Historic Preservation Officer Report**

None

**X. Public Forum**

None

**XI. Future Agenda Items – March 21, 2019**

The Historic Arlington High School building located on the southeast corner of S. Cooper Street and W. Abram Street.

The Historic Local Marker Program

**XII. Adjourn**

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



Michelle Canton, Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Commission  
APPROVED this 21st day of March 2019

