



Landmark Preservation Commission Regular Session

Council Briefing Room- City Hall 101 W. Abram Street

Thursday, April 11, 2019 6:15 p.m.

Commissioners Present
Michelle Canton, Chair
Barbara Reber, Vice-Chair
Geraldine Mills
Valerie Galloway
Dorothy Rencurrel
Kristina Rumans
O.K. Carter

Absent
Lisa Allen
Geoff Scheid

Staff
Sarah Stubblefield
Anthony Cisneros
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 March 21, 2019, minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Rumans, the minutes were approved unanimously.

V. Update: Arlington Historical Society

Commissioner Mills invited the Commission to attend the Grand Re-Opening of the Fielder House Museum on Sunday, May 5, 2019.

With the recent passing of Mr. Harry Croxton, President and Chairman of the Arlington Heritage Memorial Grounds Corporation, donations were requested in lieu of flowers to the Arlington Heritage Memorial Grounds in his memory.

VI. Discussion: West Street Underpass Mural Project

Commissioner Rumans requested this item be put back on the Commission's agenda, to discuss that the West Street bridge is eligible for a National Registry Marker as a WPA Project recognized by the State, but it belongs to the Railroad company, and has not received owner approval in the past for a marker. She suggested a mural be painted on a sign set beside the bridge along West Street to preserve the historic integrity of the bridge for potential future marker applications. The City has released a Request for Qualifications to identify an artist in the next few months and will determine the next steps for bridge

enhancements based on the responses received. It was noted that this was not an actionable item for the Commission, only an informational item.

VII. Work Plan Items

1. Other Priority Historic Resources

None

2. Local Marker Program Research Discussion

Ms. Stubblefield reminded the Commission that as part of their Work Plan, they each take one of the sandstone houses already identified and work with the current home owners on marker applications in order to take on two tasks at once. As of the meeting date, four homes had been chosen for the project.

Vice-Chair Reber suggested that the older buildings owned by Arlington ISD be researched as a project in the future.

Ms. Stubblefield presented a hand-out with electronic links to help with research of properties and ownership. It was suggested that a workshop be scheduled prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting where the members could bring their own laptops or tablets and assist each other with research.

Commissioner Rumans offered advice on searching for owners and contact information utilizing the Tarrant Appraisal District's Super Search as well as the public Library's Genealogy, Ancestry, and Census information, along with how to approach a homeowner and assist them with the application process. It was noted that citizens obtaining a Local Marker was an honorary designation for their historic property and was significant within the City.

3. Other Work Plan Items None

VIII. Monthly Social Media Outreach

Commissioner Carter submitted additional articles to staff for ongoing social media outreach stories, including stories on John Denton who was killed in the Battle of Village Creek, Mill Creek which is now Johnson Creek and was one of the first mills in Tarrant County, Brock Cemetery and Reverend Upchurch, the sandstone tea garden terrace wall at Top 'O Hill, and Angus Wynn.

IX. Historic Preservation Officer Report

An Historic Resources Survey was created in 1987 by Hardy Heck Moore and was updated with grant funding in 2007. Mr. Cisneros had been working to update the information from the City's 2007 Historic Resources Map, identifying the resources that have been lost. The Research & Analytics Team will integrate the online interactive map for the website whenever property searches are conducted.

X. Public Forum

None

XI. Future Agenda Items – May 9, 2019

Landmark Preservation Commission (LPC) Research Workshop at the George W. Hawkes Downtown Library from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., followed by the regular LPC Meeting at 6:15 p.m. in City Hall.

XII. Adjourn

Chair Canton adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Michelle Canton, Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Commission APPROVED this 9th day of May, 2019