



MINUTES

**Landmark Preservation Commission
Regular Session**

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

**Thursday, June 13, 2019
6:15 p.m.**

Commissioners Present

Michelle Canton, Chair
Barbara Reber, Vice-Chair
Geraldine Mills
Dorothy Rencurrel
Kristina Rumans
Geoff Scheid

Absent

Lisa Allen
O.K. Carter
Valerie Galloway

Staff

Sarah Stubblefield
Anthony Cisneros
Cindy Harding
Doug Stewart
Kerk Gray

I. Call to Order – Chair Canton called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Announcements

Chair Canton, Commissioner Mills, and Commissioner Rencurrel were recognized for their years of service as their terms come to an end.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Scheid moved to approve the May 9, 2019, minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Reber, the minutes were approved unanimously.

V. Dangerous and Substandard Structures

1. 5720 W. Arkansas Lane

Code Officer Doug Stewart gave a presentation noting that a rehab of the property had been attempted, but the contractor had not finished the work and the home had become dilapidated with water damages, foundation cracks, exposed wiring, etc. and there were no current permits.

Commissioner Rencurrel moved to approve the release of the 30-day stay for the structure located at 5720 W. Arkansas Lane. Seconded by Commission Reber, the motion was approved unanimously.

2. 103 Bird Drive

Code Officer Kerk Gray gave a presentation regarding the disrepair of the home which had a sagging roof and peeling paint. The home is currently unoccupied, and the roof has collapsed into several rooms. The property has violations for hazardous plumbing, faulty wiring, and unsanitary premises. It was noted that if the house were to be

demolished, any new structures would need to be built in a style fitting the older neighborhood.

Commissioner Scheid moved to approve the release of the 30-day stay for the structure located at 103 Bird Drive. Seconded by Commission Reber, the motion was approved unanimously.

3. 525 S. Bowen Road

Code Officer Doug Stewart gave a presentation regarding the dilapidated condition of the home with holes in the roof, mold and mildew, structural hazards, faulty wiring and plumbing, plus unsanitary conditions.

Commissioner Reber moved to approve the release of the 30-day stay for the structure located at 525 S. Bowen Road. Seconded by Commission Rumans, the motion was approved unanimously.

4. 1402 Harmon Terrace

Code Officer Kerk Gray gave a presentation regarding the home, stating that an individual had been electrocuted due to faulty wiring in the house on July 3, 2017. During an inspection it was noted that the home was being remodeled but was still unfit for human habitation. Code Compliance Officers had given the family additional time to grieve and continue with repairs, but there had been no progress within the timeframe.

Commissioner Reber moved to approve the release of the 30-day stay for the structure located at 1402 Harmon Terrace. Seconded by Commission Rencurrel, the motion was approved unanimously.

5. 1406 N. Center Street

Code Officer Doug Stewart gave a presentation regarding the vacant home which had been discovered due to high weeds and shingles missing from the roof. Approximately 40 percent of the ceiling had collapsed into the house with severe damage to the floor joists. The property also had violations regarding wiring, plumbing, rodent infestations, and unsanitary premises.

Commissioner Rencurrel moved to approve the release of the 30-day stay for the structure located at 1406 N. Center Street. Seconded by Commission Scheid, the motion was approved unanimously.

VI. Update: Arlington Historical Society

Commissioner Mills announced that the Grand Re-Opening of the Fielder House Museum was a huge success.

At the Arlington Heritage Memorial Grounds, the cemetery maintenance agreement with Tarrant County had begun. Additionally, the plat for the cemetery had been filed with Tarrant County Clerk, and construction could begin. Grant funds from the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation will be used for the installation of the fence panels which will begin in July.

On September 28, 2019, a fundraiser with Alan Saxe and Ruthie Brock would take place.

The names to be engraved on the World War II monument would be finished and ready for an unveiling by Veteran's Day.

VII. Work Plan Items

1. Other Priority Historic Resources

None

2. Local Marker Program Research Discussion

Commissioner Mills suggested that the Senter Park Youth Baseball Club was a good candidate for a local marker and requested a copy of the application to begin working on for future submission.

Outgoing members would continue to work on their sandstone houses.

3. Other Work Plan Items

Commissioner Rumans spoke about the square-cut curbs, originally built with WPA funds, being rebuilt on streets within the historic districts. Upon her request to Public Works and Transportation, the curbs included in the E. Second Street rebuild will be rebuilt with the square-cut curbing.

VIII. Monthly Social Media Outreach

Ms. Stubblefield noted that there was a new article published each Friday in May to honor National Preservation Month, thanks to Commissioner Carter, and that there were ten more stories ready to go for future monthly publications.

IX. Historic Preservation Officer Report

Ms. Stubblefield announced that Mr. Cisneros was completing a project showing State markers, historic designations, and old photos on the City's virtual map website. This map would include demolitions occurring since 2007 and all information would be readily available when searching for other property information with the City. There will also be an update of the LPC webpage.

Texas State Legislature had recently approved HB24-96 regarding historic preservation and the zoning without consent of property owners.

201 E. North Street had a house fire with smoke damage but appeared to sustain no serious structural damage. The home is in need of rehabilitation and the owner is deciding how to proceed. Commissioner Rumans noted that the home is an approved Local Marker, and a contributing structure to the Old Town National Register Historic District.

X. Public Forum

None

XI. Future Agenda Items – July 11, 2019

Bird's Fort Marker update

LP Overlay Training in August 2019

Contributions to the tourism project

XII. Adjourn

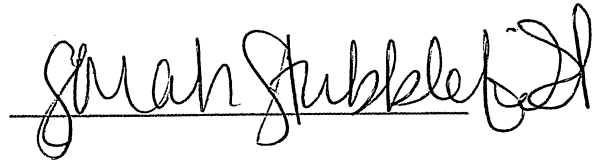
Chair Canton adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

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Michelle Canton, Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Commission
APPROVED this 8th day of August, 2019

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