



MINUTES

Landmark Preservation Commission
Regular Session

Council Briefing Room- City Hall
101 W. Abram Street

Thursday, November 14, 2019
6:15 p.m.

Commissioners Present

Kristina Rumans, Chair
Barbara Reber, Vice-Chair
Dorothy Rencurrel
Lisa Allen
O.K. Carter
Valerie Galloway
Geraldine Mills

Absent

Geoff Scheid
Rodrick Penson

Staff

Sarah Stubblefield
Anthony Cisneros
Cindy Harding
Kerk Gray
Doug Stewart

- I. **Call to Order** – Chair Rumans called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Announcements**
Ms. Stubblefield noted that several of the items on the agenda were for review only and that no action would be taken at that time.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes**
Commissioner Carter moved to approve the October 10, 2019, minutes. Seconded by Vice-Chair Reber, the minutes were approved unanimously.
- V. **Demolition Permit Applications**
 1. **1611 Browning Drive**
Mr. Cisneros gave a presentation regarding the structure, built in 1958. The owner of the home, Jose Esparza, was present at the meeting and intended to demolish the old structure and build a new home for his family on the lot.

Vice-Chair Reber moved to approve the release of the 30-day stay for the structure located at 1611 Browning Drive. Seconded by Commissioner Galloway, the motion was approved unanimously.
- VI. **Dangerous & Substandard Structures**
 1. **119 Oriole Drive**
Code Officer Doug Stewart gave a presentation regarding the property which is owned by a realtor and is in various stages of rehabilitation; however, there has been no improvement over a long period of time and the home remains in a dilapidated

condition. It was noted that a small swimming pool in the back yard is the only area of the property in good condition.

Commissioner Rencurrel moved to approve the release of the property located at 119 Oriole Drive. Seconded by Commissioner Allen, the motion was approved unanimously.

2. 1310 Altman Drive

Code Officer Kerk Gray gave a presentation regarding the fire damaged property. Inspections showed no signs of rehabilitation on the extremely dilapidated home and it was noted that the owner also owned another fire damaged home on the Dangerous and Substandard Structure list.

Commissioner Allen moved to approve the release of the property located at 1310 Altman Drive. Seconded by Vice-Chair Reber, the motion was approved unanimously.

VII. Update: Arlington Historical Society

Commissioner Mills reported that the Arlington Heritage Memorial Grounds fence was installed, and stone columns were being constructed to hold the large iron gate. A generous donation from the DAR had been received for the purpose of headstone repair and restoration. A fundraiser was held at Chop House and a couple from Arlington had donated \$15,000.00 to the Historical Society. The 1st Annual Halloween Haunted Village event was very successful, and a Christmas program at the Knapp Heritage Park was planned for Friday, December 6th. The WWII Monument was almost completed with a plaque being created which would name 49 local men in addition to Colonel Kearby.

VIII. Work Plan Items

1. 2020 CLG Grant Application Discussion

Mr. Cisneros had submitted the final application proposing training in April of 2020 to be held in Arlington.

2. Other Priority Historic Resources

Commissioner Carter gave a presentation on the Arlington Cemetery, formed in 1896, and suggested that way-finding signage be the first item of business on the project, including small markers and smart phone information about the people buried there. Chair Rumans suggested that the graves of all former Mayor's have small medallions to mark their significance in an unobtrusive manner. The cemetery is historically divided into the Old Arlington Cemetery, the Arlington Cemetery, the McNatt Family Cemetery, and the Masonic Cemetery. The Cemetery Project Subcommittee, with Commissioner Scheid as Chair, also includes Commissioners Carter, Allen, and Rencurrel.

The Sandstone Houses presentation was tabled until the next meeting since two Commissioners were absent.

3. Local Marker Program Research Discussion

In a review of 204 E. Second Street, Chair Rumans presented photos and information, noting that a garage and a part of the original stone fence was previously demolished.

A review of 207 E. Third Street revealed a smaller home built in the late 1930's directly behind 204 E. Second Street.

4. Other Work Plan Items

The 2020 Calendar was reviewed, and it was suggested that the March 12, 2020, meeting be moved to March 19th so as not to conflict with a DAR Meeting scheduled on the 12th.

In a review of the 2020 Work Plan, Commissioner Carter presented information for marker proposals regarding the GM Plant, a shootout at Main Street and Front Street which occurred in 1892, and a Texas and Pacific Railroad crash. He also suggested a marker for the Mineral Well.

IX. Monthly Social Media Outreach

Commissioner Carter stated that he had several months of articles prepared for future publications.

X. Historic Preservation Officer Report

None

XI. Public Forum

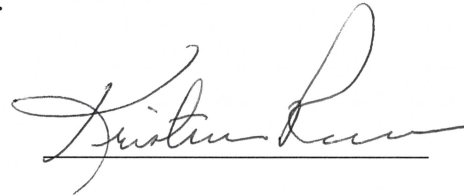
None

XII. Future Agenda Items – December 12, 2019

The location of the original granite marker for Bird's Fort

XIII. Adjourn

Chair Rumans adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.



Kristina Rumans, Chair

ATTEST:



Secretary to the Commission
APPROVED this 12th day of December 2019