

MINUTES

Landmark Preservation Commission Regular Session

Council Briefing Room- City Hall 101 W. Abram Street

Thursday, January 9, 2020 6:15 p.m.

Commissioners PresentAbsentStaffKristina Rumans, ChairDorothy RencurrelSarah StubblefieldBarbara Reber, Vice-ChairO.K. CarterAnthony CisnerosValerie GallowayGeoff ScheidCindy HardingLisa AllenRodrick PensonShirley Patterson

- I. Call to Order Chair Rumans called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Announcements

None

IV. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Patterson moved to approve the December 12, 2019, minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Penson, the minutes were approved unanimously.

V. Update: Arlington Historical Society

Ms. Stubblefield noted that the WWII Monument should delivered by the end of January and installed by mid-February in the Plaza between City Hall and the George W. Hawkes Downtown Library. The Arlington Historical Society would plan a dedication ceremony.

VI. Work Plan Items

1. Other Priority Historic Resources

a. Arlington Cemetery Discussion

Commissioner Penson reported that he had toured the area with Commissioner Carter learning some of the cemetery history and volunteered to assist with the app being created regarding information on the old cemeteries in Arlington. He suggested that the 22 cemeteries all have nice gates at the entrances. Ms. Stubblefield and Chair Rumans explained that only one cemetery was owned by the City, but that the LPC could encourage other owners and organizations to raise funds to enhance all cemeteries, many of which are surrounded by businesses and neighborhoods. It was noted that the LPC could apply for a Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant by the Fall of 2020 and get other groups involved. The LPC is responsible for the education and awareness of the public

regarding the importance of recognizing the City's cemeteries and the citizens buried there.

b. Bird's Fort Centennial Marker Discussion

The discussion would continue at the next meeting.

2. Local Marker Program Research Discussion

Commissioner Patterson requested help with obtaining a local marker for the Bird-Elder home built in the Parkview Neighborhood in 1947. It was noted that the new owner of the home intended to paint the brick exterior and remodel the front of the home which could render the home ineligible for a marker; however, the entire neighborhood might be encouraged to apply for a local marker due to its history as a collective unit.

3. Other Work Plan Items

Mr. Cisneros noted that if the Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program (CAMP) Training Grant were to be awarded to the Arlington LPC, the actual date for that training would be scheduled by the City in coordination with the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) after CLG grant awards are announced, but would likely take place in late April.

VII. Monthly Social Media Outreach

Ms. Stubblefield stated that she would check with the Office of Communications to see if more articles would be needed soon.

VIII. Historic Preservation Officer Report

None

IX. Public Forum

None

X. Future Agenda Items – February 13, 2020

Commissioner Penson requested further information be provided for the NAPC Forum 2020 Preservation Convention to be held in Tacoma, Washington, July 22-26, 2020.

XI. Adjourn

Chair Rumans adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Kristina Rumans, Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Commission APPROVED this 13th day of February 2020