



MINUTES

Landmark Preservation Commission
Regular Session

Council Briefing Room- City Hall
101 W. Abram Street

Thursday, February 13, 2020
6:15 p.m.

Commissioners Present

Kristina Rumans, Chair
Barbara Reber, Vice-Chair
Dorothy Rencurrel
Lisa Allen
O.K. Carter
Valerie Galloway
Shirley Patterson
Rodrick Penson

Absent

Geoff Scheid

Staff

Sarah Stubblefield
Anthony Cisneros
Cindy Harding
Kerk Gray

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Announcements

Commissioner Rencurrel, who also serves on the Tarrant County Historical Commission (TCHC), announced that two Arlington properties were being considered by developers who had inquired about their historical significance. The first property is 4.84 acres located on W. Abram Street, half a mile from the Fielder House and one mile from the Masonic Home. It is currently vacant, and the proposed development would have no effect on any nearby historic properties. The second property is located on Blue Danube at Cooper Street with no historic significance. Both projects would apply for tax credits and work with Planning and Development to meet all requirements.

Ms. Stubblefield announced that the Commission would be awarded the \$7,000 CLG Grant for training to take place in Arlington during the summer of 2020.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chair Reber moved to approve the January 9, 2020, minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Galloway, the minutes were approved unanimously.

V. Dangerous & Substandard Structures

1. 2703 Green Oaks Blvd.

Code Officer Kerk Gray gave a presentation regarding the vacant and dilapidated house which had been completely gutted including the floor. The owner previously planned to rehab the property and had obtained permits last year but failed to keep the dangerous property secure. The owner currently plans to sell the property.

Commissioner Allen moved to approve the release of the property located at 2703 Green Oaks Blvd. Seconded by Commissioner Rencurrel, the motion was approved unanimously.

VI. Demolition Permit Applications

1. 1608 Marie Terrace

Mr. Cisneros gave a presentation regarding the severely fire damaged structure built in 1968 and located east of SH 360. There is no historic significance and owner hopes to demolish the existing house and build a new home. Commissioner Carter had visited the site and noted that one half of the structure was completely destroyed by fire.

Commissioner Carter moved to approve the release of the 30-day stay for the structure located at 1608 Marie Terrace. Seconded by Vice-Chair Reber, the motion was approved unanimously.

VII. Arlington Cemetery Project Update

1. Web Application Presentation

Ms. Stubblefield gave a presentation created by Arlington native Nadeya Patel, a student at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, TX. Ms. Patel is working toward a master's degree in History and is dedicated to mapping cemeteries and learning their history with stories which have been passed down for decades. She is currently working on an interactive digital web application which includes a map of the gravesites of former Arlington Mayors, the boundary lines between the Parkdale and the Arlington sections of the cemetery, and stories and additional history related to the cemetery. The project should be completed in April 2020.

2. Cemetery Wayfinding Project Approach & Timeline Presentation

Mr. Cisneros presented the physical component of the cemetery project in regard to the signage along the pathways inside the cemetery. The work plan would include monthly goals working toward a grant application for the funding needed for the actual signage. Site visits would be conducted to determine signage locations while keeping the historic integrity of the cemetery intact. The Sub-Committee, consisting of Chair Rumans and Commissioners Carter, Rencurrel, and Scheid, would work with the Design Center for ideas which will be presented to the Commission for consideration.

VIII. Update: Arlington Historical Society

Commissioner Mills reported that at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 23rd, at the Southeast Library, there would be a celebration of Black History Month with a display regarding the Arlington Heritage Memorial Grounds, Then and Now.

The two WWII Memorial Monuments were completed and would be installed by February 21st with a dedication planned for Saturday, March 21st.

IX. Work Plan Items

1. Local Marker Program Research Discussion

None

2. Other Priority Historic Resources

None

3. Other Work Plan Items

None

X. Monthly Social Media Outreach

Ms. Stubblefield had recently sent Commissioner Carter three new articles for future publications.

XI. Public Forum

None

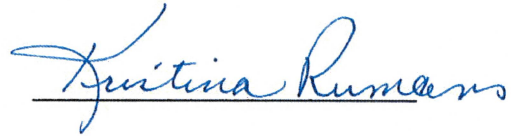
XII. Future Agenda Items – March 19, 2020

Guest speaker Nadeya Patel will give a cemetery presentation at the March meeting.

Commissioner Penson suggested that the Commission address security at the older cemeteries in the future. Chair Rumans suggested bollards could be installed in the less active areas to prevent access by vehicles.

XIII. Adjourn

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



Kristina Rumans, Chair

ATTEST:



Secretary to the Commission

APPROVED this 14th day of May 2020