

MINUTES

Landmark Preservation Commission Regular Session

Virtual Public Meeting Via Zoom

Thursday, May 14, 2020 4:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present
Kristina Rumans, Chair
Barbara Reber, Vice-Chair
Dorothy Rencurrel
Lisa Allen
O.K. Carter
Shirley Patterson

Absent
Valerie Galloway
Rodrick Penson
Geoff Scheid

Kerk Gray
Doug Stewart

Sarah Stubblefield
Anthony Cisneros
Cindy Harding
Kerk Gray

- I. Call to Order Chair Rumans called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m. and roll was taken.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Announcements

Ms. Stubblefield announced that May is National Preservation Month and that Mayor Williams would read a proclamation at the May 19th City Council Meeting. In addition, a bank of stories written by OK Carter would be compiled for release each Friday in May. The Downtown Arlington Management Corporation had created video podcast presentations for their website and Facebook page entitled "The Roots", which would be hosted by Maggie Campbell featuring guests including Commissioner Carter and former Commission member Geraldine Mills.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chair Reber moved to approve the February 13, 2020, minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Carter, the minutes were approved unanimously. (The March and April 2020 meetings had been canceled due the Covid-19 Pandemic)

V. Dangerous & Substandard Structures

1. 1507 Tulip Drive

Code Officer Doug Stewart gave a presentation regarding the vacant house, built in 1954. The property was severely damaged by a fire in March 2020. The owner wishes to sell the property, which is zoned as Single-Family Residential, and a sale is pending with an investment group.

Commissioner Allen moved to approve the release of the property located at 1507 Tulip Drive. Seconded by Commissioner Rencurrel, the motion was approved unanimously.

VI. Demolition Permit Applications

1. 510 S. Mesquite Street

Ms. Stubblefield gave a presentation regarding the home built in 1947 and zoned Residential Medium Density 12 (RM-12). The property is adjacent to the South Center Street Historic District.

The owner, Imran Khan, was present at the virtual meeting to answer questions if necessary. When asked, he stated his intention was to demolish the existing structure which has foundation issues as well as an addition that was not built to current standards. He would then build a new single-family home with traditional architecture, much like the two-story front column home he owns directly behind this lot at 509 S. Center Street. It was also noted that the two properties would not be connected.

Commissioner Rencurrel moved to approve the release of the 30-day stay for the structure located at 510 S. Mesquite Street. Seconded by Vice-Chair Reber, the motion was approved unanimously.

VII. Work Plan Items

1. Arlington Cemetery Project Update

Ms. Stubblefield stated that the recent pandemic had put most the work on hold; however, the Design Center has the information from Mr. Cisneros and Nadeya Patel and they are currently working on a site plan and presentation. Mr. Cisneros noted that their renderings will show the project with and without fencing options for a comparison.

2. THC Certified Local Government Grant Update

Ms. Stubblefield noted that the contract with the Texas Historical Commission has been executed for funding possibly in August or September 2020. The Commission will wait for in-person training to be available.

VIII. Public Forum

None

IX. Future Agenda Items – June 11, 2020

Ms. Stubblefield noted that, due to the continuing pandemic, there would only be a June meeting if there were any action items for the agenda.

Commissioner Rencurrel suggested a virtual meeting with the Cemetery Sub-Committee be held in the near future and thanked Mr. Cisneros for his hard work on the project.

X. Adjourn

Chair Rumans adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

Kristina Rumans, Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Commission APPROVED this 11th day of June 2020