



MINUTES

**Landmark Preservation Commission
Regular Session**

**Virtual Public Meeting
Via Zoom**

**Thursday, July 9, 2020
4:30 p.m.**

Commissioners Present

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

Absent

Valerie Galloway
Shirley Patterson
Geoff Scheid

Staff

Sarah Stubblefield
Anthony Cisneros
Cindy Harding
Doug Stewart
Kerk Gray

I. Call to Order – Chair Rumans called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and roll was taken.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Announcements

Ms. Stubblefield noted that we would need to adjust the start time for the August meeting.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chair Reber moved to approve the June 11, 2020, minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Allen, the minutes were approved unanimously.

V. Dangerous & Substandard Structures

1. 409 S. Collins Street

Code Officer Doug Stewart gave a presentation regarding the house, built in 1948. The tenant of the home reported the conditions to Code Enforcement and allowed an inspection to take place. The owner was contacted, and he applied for permits to repair the home; however, there are many safety violations yet to be addressed. During the inspection there was no hot water to the home and very low pressure on the cold water. There are multiple holes in the flooring, with visible rotting of the pier and beam foundation, and hazardous electrical wiring. Roof repairs had not been done to current standards and the home should not be occupied until it is rehabilitated. Mr. Stewart is encouraging the owner to rehab the home instead of having it demolished, stating that he was optimistic that the extra time would help the owner complete the work.

Commissioner Rencurrel moved to extend the 30-day stay on the property located at 409 S. Collins Street. At the end of the 30 days, the structure would automatically be released back to the City. Seconded by Vice-Chair Reber, the motion was approved unanimously.

VI. Demolition Permit Applications

1. 200 E. Fourth Street

Ms. Stubblefield announced that the application had been voided by the applicant.

2. 206 E. Fourth Street

Ms. Stubblefield noted that this home has already been demolished.

3. 504 E. Sanford Street

Mr. Cisneros gave a presentation regarding the home built in 1945 on 0.21 acres. The current zoning, RM-12, would allow for a duplex if the home were to be demolished for new construction. It was noted that the home appears to be in good shape on the outside, but there were no photos available of the inside and it is unknown if it is currently occupied.

Vice-Chair Reber moved to approve the release of the 30-day stay for the structure located at 504 E. Sanford Street. Seconded by Commissioner Carter, the motion was approved unanimously.

VII. Work Plan Items

1. Arlington Cemetery Project Update

Ms. Stubblefield announced that the Sub-Committee had a meeting on Tuesday, July 7th, to review the base map created by the Design Center. There were corrections to the locations of the Mayor's grave sites. The grave sites of other prominent residents were identified and choices for way-finding signage were presented, with the Committee deciding on simple sandstone signage. The Masonic area, the Old Cemetery area, and the former Mayors burial locations will be the first areas to receive signage. The next step will be the implementation, beginning with preparation for the Grant process to fund the project.

2. THC Certified Local Government Grant Update

Ms. Stubblefield noted that the contract awarded by the Texas Historical Commission for funding of CAMP Training has been extended. The plan is to wait until 2021 to decide if in-person training is feasible. If public gatherings are not possible due to the pandemic conditions, virtual training will be an option.

VIII. Discussion of Mary Le Bone Spring (1001 Mayfield Road)

Chair Rumans presented information regarding future plans for a multi-family development on this property, which is the former site of the Stagecoach Inn and located adjacent to the Johnson Station Cemetery. This property was previously zoned Light Industrial and was recently re-zoned to Multi-Family. The local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) had placed a marker at the site of the old inn years after it was demolished. With the original spring still located on the property, Chair Rumans stated that it might have become a park if the Commission and the general public had been aware of it many years ago, and wanted to bring more awareness to locations within the community that might not be well known and could possibly be overlooked and lost forever when property is re-zoned or sold for development. Ms. Stubblefield pointed out that all vacant land within the City is owned by someone, and it is hard to know what a property owner has planned until zoning and development plans have already been approved and an owner has invested substantially. It was noted that the owner could have built a structure on the property when it was zoned Light Industrial, it just happened to have remained

vacant until the recent re-zoning. The recent updating of the Historic Resources Survey should help in the future as that information will be included when permitting applications come in for staff review.

IX. Public Forum

Regarding the discussion of Mary Le Bone Spring, Randy Hendricks, 3110 Westador Drive, Arlington, stated that he was in favor of raising awareness of historical locations and hoped that more markers would be placed.

Barbara Salsler, 1819 Brookview Drive, Arlington, stated that she believed at least two springs were actually located on the former Stagecoach Inn property and were considered to be the head waters of Johnson Creek. She said she was concerned with the loss of large trees in Arlington and that the property currently had very old and large trees.

X. Future Agenda Items – August 13, 2020

Arlington Cemetery Project Update
THC Certified Local Government Grant Update
Future Markers

XI. Adjourn

Chair Rumans adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m.



Kristina Rumans, Chair

ATTEST:



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