



## MINUTES

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**Landmark Preservation Commission  
Regular Session**

**Virtual Public Meeting  
Via Zoom**

**Thursday, August 13, 2020  
5:30 p.m.**

**Commissioners Present**

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

**Absent**

**Staff**

Sarah Stubblefield  
Anthony Cisneros  
Cindy Harding  
Doug Stewart  
Kerk Gray

- I. Call to Order** – Chair Rumans called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and roll was taken.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Announcements**

Mrs. Harding announced that Commissioners could now serve three consecutive two-year terms, with updated signed documents required at each re-appointment, and clarified the requirements of training for the Open Meetings Act and the Public Information Act.
- IV. Approval of Minutes**

Vice-Chair Reber moved to approve the July 9, 2020, minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Rencurrel, the minutes were approved unanimously.
- V. Dangerous & Substandard Structures**
  - 1. 1721 Glynn Oaks Drive**

Code Officer Doug Stewart gave a presentation regarding the house, built in 1959, which had been discovered by the District Inspector after complaints of being very overgrown and needing to be mowed with the backyard totally impassible. The owner is deceased and the new owner, her son, cannot be found. A warrant was obtained for the interior inspection and the home is full of trash and debris with rotting wood and holes in the ceiling. It appears to have been vacate for a long time and is beginning to cave in on itself, although the home still has electricity. Being unsecured, it is very dangerous and there are signs of wild animals throughout the home with a large beehive in the yard.

Vice-Chair Reber moved to approve the release of the property located at 1721 Glynn Oaks Drive. Seconded by Commissioner Allen, the motion was approved unanimously.

## **2. 704 E. Rogers Street**

Code Officer Kerk Gray gave a presentation regarding the house, built in 1942, which was also discovered by the District Inspector when she noticed that it fit the criteria of a dangerous building. The property is currently rented out and the tenant has attempted to do repairs herself. The exterior of the home shows wood rot and structural damages, including a tree which has fallen on the rear of the house. Interior sheetrock can be seen from the exterior, windows have been removed and covered up, the gas water heater is sitting outside in the elements, and electric lines are exposed and dangerous. The floor is soft and uneven, and the air conditioning system is not working. There are several window units in use, blocking emergency egress. The owner has been advised that he must bring the house up to current safety standards within 30 days. The tenant family hopes to have repairs done so that they can continue to rent the house.

Vice-Chair Reber moved to approve the release of the property located at 704 E. Rogers Street. Seconded by Commissioner Rencurrel, the motion was approved unanimously.

## **VI. Demolition Permit Applications**

### **1. 2818 W. Division Street**

Ms. Stubblefield gave a presentation on the structure, clarifying that it is located on the same parcel as 2800 W. Division Street with a postal address of 2814 W. Division Street; however, it is listed as 2818 W. Division Street for City services. The structure was built as a house in 1955 and is located on property which is currently zoned Light Industrial. The structure is of no historic significance and appears to be vacant. If the home is demolished, there will be no rebuild done, although an expansion of commercial buildings on the property could take place. Commissioner Patterson had researched the site, reporting that the subdivision was Fruitvale Acres and in 1914 was owned by Amon Carter as a part of Fort Worth. In 1942, an automotive garage and office were built by the next owner, Mr. O. H. Riggs. It was noted that the house appears to be in good condition on the exterior, but this commercial area is no longer a good location for a private home.

Commissioner Allen moved to approve the release of the 30-day stay for the structure located at 2818 W. Division Street. Seconded by Commissioner Scheid, the motion was approved unanimously.

### **2. 520 Michener Drive**

Ms. Stubblefield gave a presentation on the industrial building, which is of no historic significance, is located on the outskirts of the Entertainment District north of Division Street.

Vice-Chair Reber moved to approve the release of the 30-day stay for the structure located at 520 Michener Drive. Seconded by Commissioner Penson, the motion was approved unanimously.

## **VII. Work Plan Items**

### **1. Arlington Cemetery Project Update**

Mr. Cisneros gave a presentation on the progress of the project and stated that he had visited the cemetery to be sure all their information was correct. The Sub-Committee had met the previous afternoon to go over any corrections to the map and the Design Center had added graphics to signage. He was also working on a Grant Application to help with funding the project.

**2. THC Certified Local Government Grant Update**

Ms. Stubblefield noted that virtual training had been successful, so if the Commission preferred to train virtually sooner than waiting for the in-person training to be available, that would be an option for the Texas Historical Commission (THC) CAMP Training. The THC funding had been extended until September 2021 to decide if in-person training would be feasible. Many Commissioners agreed that waiting a little longer to decide would be the best plan.

**3. Local Marker Program – Future Markers**

Chair Rumans noted that she was working on a couple of Marker Applications to be discussed later.

**VIII. Public Forum**

None

**IX. Future Agenda Items – September 10, 2020**

**X. Adjourn**

Chair Rumans adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.



Kristina Rumans, Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Commission  
APPROVED this 10th day of September 2020

