



MINUTES

Landmark Preservation Commission
Regular Session

Special Virtual Public Meeting
Via Zoom

Thursday, November 12, 2020
5:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present

Kristina Rumans, Chair
Barbara Reber, Vice-Chair
Rodrick Penson
Shirley Patterson
Jason Sullivan
Suzanne Sweek
Geoff Scheid
Lisa Allen
O.K. Carter

Absent

Staff

Sarah Stubblefield
Anthony Cisneros
Cindy Harding
Kerk Gray
Doug Stewart

- I. **Call to Order** – Chair Rumans called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and roll was taken.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Announcements**
It was noted that the Arlington Historical Society was having an online auction and more information would be sent to the Commissioners.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes**
Commissioner Patterson moved to approve the November 5, 2020, minutes. Seconded by, Vice-Chair Reber, the minutes were approved unanimously.
- V. **Dangerous and Substandard Structures**
 1. **507 Echols Street**
Code Officer Gray gave a presentation regarding the home built in 1950, which was discovered during the execution of an abatement warrant for high weeds and grass. The home is severely dilapidated, structurally unsafe, unsanitary, vacant, and unsecure. The new owner has indicated that he intends to demolish the home for new construction, but Code Enforcement wants to ensure that he will indeed expedite the demolition of the structure.

Commissioner Allen moved to release the historic stay on the property located at 507 Echols Street. Commissioner Penson, the motion was approved unanimously.
- VI. **Local Marker Program Applications**
It was noted that all three of these properties are in the Old Town Historic District. These homes are listed in the National Register of Historic Places, are national Historical Landmarks, and are of local significance with the North Street home listed

as a Priority Property and the Elm Street homes listed as High Priority Properties in the Historic Resources Survey. There are several medallion markers, which were manufactured in 2012 that can be placed on new local landmarks at no cost to the current owners until they are all distributed.

1. 211 E. North Street (Bridges House)

Ms. Stubblefield presented information from the marker application, noting that the home, currently owned by Scott and Lisa Perkins, was built in 1914 and is a good example of a craftsman bungalow. Chair Rumans had been able to find the original plat and abstracts for the property in her research. The original owner, Arthur Bridges, was a Methodist Minister in Arlington as well as a chicken farmer and agricultural realtor with an office located downtown at 101 N. Main Street. He died in 1947 after being hit by a train while driving his car across the Center Street crossing and is buried in the old Parkdale Cemetery on Mary Street.

Commissioner Scheid made a motion to forward the marker application for 211 E. North Street to the City Council for their approval. Seconded by Vice-Chair Reber, the motion was approved unanimously.

2. 412 N. Elm Street (King-Davalt House)

Chair Rumans stated that there was a marker commemorating Mr. Carver Dixon King, the original owner of the home, located on the corner of E. North Street and N. Elm Street, with a large amount of information about Mr. King.

Ms. Stubblefield presented information from the marker application, noting that the home, currently owned by Jimmy and Rebecca Villareal, was built in 1902-1903 and is a good example of a vernacular dwelling unit and is one the few homes in the City with it's original design elements left intact. Mr. King was an Arlington Mayor serving in 1876 and again in 1899, also serving thirteen terms as Justice of the Peace. Chair Rumans was able to find the abstracts for the home and information showing that the original price of the home was \$1,090.00. Mr. Buel Davalt purchased the home from Mr. King in 1945.

Vice-Chair Reber made a motion to forward the marker application for 412 N. Elm Street to the City Council for their approval. Seconded by Commissioner Allen, the motion was approved unanimously.

3. 419 N. Elm Street (Sibley House)

Ms. Stubblefield presented information from the marker application, noting that the home, currently owned by Jason and Ellen Elliott, was built in 1922-1923, in a typical modest bungalow style from the time period with a sandstone retaining wall, remarkably still in place. The streets were not paved at that time and in 1902, the City had begun an Interurban Rail Line operated by the Northern Texas Traction Company. Mr. Sibley had moved to Arlington and worked for the Interurban until it ended in December 1938. The abstracts were presented along with the original site plan, showing that Mr. Sibley had originally purchased more than one lot, with his property going all the way back to N. East Street.

Commissioner Allen made a motion to forward the marker application for 419 N. Elm Street to the City Council for their approval. Seconded by Commissioner Carter, the motion was approved unanimously.

VII. Work Plan Items

1. 2021 CLG Grant Application

The Commissioners were informed of the Grant Application submitted by Mr. Cisneros for the cemetery project, which was under review with the Texas Historical Commission (THC). He had coordinated with the Public Works and Transportation Department as well as the Parks Department regarding the labor and manufacturing required to complete the project. Mr. Cisneros said he expected to hear from the THC by the end of January 2021.

2. Review of 2021 Calendar

The Commission reviewed the proposed dates and agreed to keep the virtual meeting start time at 5:30 p.m. with the option to begin in-person meeting at a later time, possibly 6:15 p.m., once the restrictions on public meetings are lifted. The Commission will vote on the proposed schedule at the December meeting.

3. Review of 2021 Work Plan

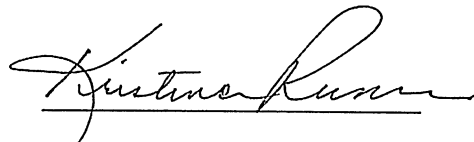
Ms. Stubblefield presented the Work Plan for 2021 with discussion and clarification regarding local markers, outreach, incentives, the LP Overlay, tourism, training, networking, term limits, and staff support. The 2021 Work Plan will be voted on at the December meeting.

VIII. Public Forum

None

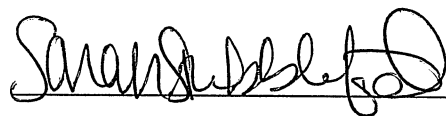
IX. Adjourn

Chair Rumans adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.



Kristina Rumans, Chair

ATTEST:



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