

## **MINUTES**

# **Landmark Preservation Commission Regular Session**

Virtual Public Meeting Via Zoom

Thursday, January 14, 2021 5:30 p.m.

#### **Commissioners Present**

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

#### **Absent**

Staff
Sarah Stubblefield
Anthony Cisneros
Cindy Harding

- I. Call to Order Chair Rumans called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and roll was taken.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Announcements

None

Suzanne Sweek

# IV. Approval of Minutes – December 10, 2020

Commissioner Patterson moved to approve the December 10, 2020, minutes. Seconded by Vice-Chair Reber, the minutes were approved unanimously.

#### V. Approval of Minutes – December 17, 2020

Commissioner Penson moved to approve the December 17, 2020, minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Allen, the minutes were approved unanimously.

#### VI. Work Plan Items

#### 1. Discussion: Texas Historical Commission (THC) Training Grant Updates

Ms. Stubblefield stated that the THC training team is still working virtually, but there may be an option to meet as a group in a socially distanced setting with a virtual trainer later in the spring or summer. Use of a virtual trainer would cost less and free up some of the original grant of \$7,000.00 to spend in other areas of training. The CAMP Training has an added one-on-one training regarding implementation of what was learned in the training. The mentorship can be paid for with funds originally anticipated for trainer travel expenses. Trainers would give us feedback and additional help with our projects. A virtual setting might allow for more participants where the in-person training had a limit of 30 persons. The date would be determined giving the Commission and trainers a 60-day prior notice.

# 2. Discussion: Landmark Preservation Webpage Update Project

Mr. Cisneros introduced a plan to add content to the current webpage including the addition of more maps, the LPC Annual Reports, and a page dedicated to introducing the Commissioners to the public. He used the City of New York as an example of a link gallery of landmarks with pictures and a spyglass map to make the webpage more interesting and informative. He plans to create a Historic Districts interactive map with information on architectural styles and historic periods, plus anything of interest on each structure or neighborhood. The Commission discussed the inclusion of City markers, THC markers, and all other markers being together on one link.

## 3. Discussion: Historic Preservation Month Planning

Ms. Stubblefield noted that the month of May was fast approaching and that the Commission should start early on digital, virtual, or social media programming. Chair Rumans suggested that a Proclamation be given during a City Council meeting in May. It was also suggested that a driving tour with a downloadable map would be a good way to feature landmarks which were approved in the past year. Vice-Chair Reber added that each marker and property could be filmed and include short interviews with the current property owners.

#### VII. Public Forum

Floreen Henry, Arlington resident and Tarrant County Historical Commission member, praised the work of Ms. Stubblefield, Mr. Cisneros, and the LPC Commission and stated that she liked the idea of virtual and interactive presentations. She also reminded the Commission that this year would be the 145th Anniversary of the City of Arlington and suggested that Center Street, formerly known as the Military Trail, was one of the City's biggest points of history and that it should be featured on the website.

# VIII. Future Agenda Items – February 11, 2021

Marker Applications

# IX. Adjourn

Chair Rumans adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Kristina Rumans, Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Commission APPROVED this 11th day of February 2021