



MINUTES

Landmark Preservation Commission
Regular Session

Virtual Public Meeting
Via Zoom

Thursday, February 11, 2021
5:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present

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

Absent

Staff

Sarah Stubblefield
Anthony Cisneros
Cindy Harding

- 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**
None
- IV. **Approval of Minutes**
Commissioner Carter moved to approve the January 14, 2021, minutes. Seconded by Vice-Chair Reber, the minutes were approved unanimously.
- V. **Demolition Permit Applications**
 1. **1313 W. Second Street**
Mr. Cisneros gave a presentation regarding the home with a detached garage built in 1951, noting that the demolition request was only for the garage. Commissioner Allen had been in contact with the homeowners, Chris and April Peterson, who were both present at the virtual meeting to answer questions if needed. The Petersons planned to build an addition on the existing home, including a new two-car attached garage, and the construction materials would match the original structure.

Commissioner Allen moved to approve the release of the 30-day stay for the garage structure located at 1313 W. Second Street. Seconded by Commissioner Scheid, the motion was approved unanimously.

VI. Local Marker Program Applications

1. 210 & 212 W. North Street (Tyer Duplex) was presented as a rare example of a brick duplex dwelling with bungalow detail, built in 1907, then remodeled and enlarged in 1925. The property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, is located in the Landmark Preservation Overlay as part of the Old Town Historic District and is listed as a High Priority Property in the Historic Resources Survey.

Commissioner Penson made a motion to forward the marker application for 210 & 212 W. North Street to the City Council for their approval. Seconded by Vice-Chair Reber, the motion was approved unanimously.

2. 208 N. Oak Street (Olin Gibbins House) was presented as reflecting early modern folk styling influences in 1900 and was built by Olin and Lillie Gibbins before 1904. The home is listed as a Low Priority Property in the Historic Resources Survey and located in a Potential National Historic District. Mr. Gibbins was a Tarrant County Commissioner and died in 1919 while still in office. Martha Rose Martin, former LPC Commissioner, was present at the virtual meeting and stated that in 1920, Mayor William Rose, who was Olin's brother-in-law, renamed Division Street to Gibbins Avenue due to all the work that Mr. Gibbins did to promote the Bankhead Highway. Mayor Rose had stated that "there is no room in any city for anything that either looks or sounds like division. This may bring some to believe that there are two separate parts or fractions in our city which do not and never should exist, but we should be and are all part of the city, and do not even by name want to leave the impression that we are in any way divided". In 1924, the name was changed back to Division Street. Lillie Gibbins remained in the home until her death in 1957, along with their son Robert, his wife Viola and the grandchildren. Robert Gibbins closed in several of the porches to expand the number of bedrooms from one to three in 1940. In 1969 the home was sold to a savings and loan and leased to the Chimney Corner Antique Store. Jack and Betty Savage purchased the property in 1970 and eventually moved their Christian Book Center from Center Street to the lower level of the home while living upstairs in the converted attic. Jennifer Hurley, the current owner of the home, was present at the virtual meeting and stated that her children were the fifth generation of the Savage family to live in this home.

Commissioner Carter made a motion to forward the marker application for 208 N. Oak Street to the City Council for their approval. Seconded by Vice-Chair Reber, the motion was approved unanimously.

3. 210 N. Oak Street (Finch House) was presented as a rare example of Queen Anne architecture built in 1899 and is listed as a High Priority Property in the Historic Resources Survey. Chair Rumans pointed out that this home is beside the Olin Gibbins House and that the two homes together could be a National Registry Historic District. The home was divided and moved on the original lot due to the expansion of Division Street, then set up as two separate homes with the larger half as the main house with the smaller half in the back yard. This home is also owned by Jennifer Hurley, whose great grandmother lived in the smaller home. Mrs. Hurley had also lived there as a teenager when her parents and grandparents lived in the larger home at 208 N. Oak Street.

Vice-Chair Reber made a motion to forward the marker application for 210 N. Oak Street to the City Council for their approval. Seconded by Commissioner Allen, the motion was approved unanimously.

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

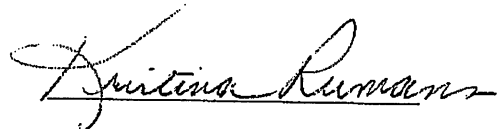
Floreen Henry, Arlington resident and Tarrant County Historical Commission member, praised the work of Ms. Stubblefield, Mr. Cisneros, and the LPC Commission and stated that she liked the idea of virtual and interactive presentations. She also reminded the Commission that this year would be the 145th 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

