



## MINUTES

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Landmark Preservation Commission  
Regular Session

Virtual Public Meeting  
Via Zoom

Thursday, April 8, 2021  
5:30 p.m.

**Commissioners Present**

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

**Absent**

Lisa Allen

**Staff**

Sarah Stubblefield  
Anthony Cisneros  
Cindy Harding  
Doug Stewart

- I. **Call to Order** – Chair Rumans called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. and roll was taken.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Announcements**  
None
- IV. **Approval of Minutes**  
Vice-Chair Reber moved to approve the March 11, 2021, minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Carter, the minutes were approved unanimously.
- V. **Dangerous and Substandard Structures**
  1. **1107 S. Center Street**  
Code Officer Stewart gave a presentation regarding the arts and crafts style home built in 1923, stating that it had been watched by Code Compliance since 2018. The property has been owned by Carl Oehler since 1997 and is listed on the Historic Resources Survey as a Medium Priority. A warrant had been issued to gain access to inspect the property, which was found to be dilapidated with foundation failure, holes in the walls, the ceiling caving in, and tarps covering 30 percent of the roof. The vacant home showed signs of animals gaining entry and the premises were very unclean and moldy.  
  
Vice-Chair Reber moved to release the property located at 1107 S. Center Street. Seconded by Commissioner Scheid, the motion was approved unanimously.

## **VI. Local Historical Marker Program Nominations**

### **1. 406 N. Elm Street (Edward M. James House)**

Ms. Stubblefield gave a presentation on the Craftsman style home built as early as 1911 with an addition built in 1924. The current owner is Karen Arrington and the home is listed as a contributing structure of the Old Town Historic District in the National Register of Historic Places and is on the Historic Resources Survey as a medium priority. Ken Feil was present at the virtual meeting and stated that the home was occupied by his mother. It was noted that the application is for a Medallion rather than a subject marker.

Vice-Chair Reber made a motion to forward the marker application for 406 N. Elm Street to the City Council for their approval. Seconded by Commissioner Sweek, the motion was approved unanimously.

### **2. 408 N. Elm Street (O'Dell-Cotter House)**

Ms. Stubblefield gave a presentation on the home built in 1917, purchased by the O'Dell family in 1924 and remodeled in 1939. The current owners are Karen Arrington and Kim Feil. The home is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing structure in the Old Town Historic District and is on the Historic Resources Survey as a medium priority. It was noted that the application is for a Medallion rather than a subject marker. Ken Feil stated that his nephew currently lived in the home.

Vice-Chair Reber made a motion to forward the marker application for 408 N. Elm Street to the City Council for their approval. Seconded by Commissioner Penson, the motion was approved unanimously.

### **3. 409 N. Elm Street (Thomas-Leftwich House)**

Ms. Stubblefield gave a presentation on the home built in 1917, which is a rare surviving Classical Revival style structure. The current owners are Ken and Kim Feil. The home is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing structure in the Old Town Historic District and is on the Historic Resources Survey as a high priority. It was noted that the application is for a Medallion rather than a subject marker. Ken Feil stated that he was currently painting the exterior of the structure.

Commissioner Scheid made a motion to forward the marker application for 409 N. Elm Street to the City Council for their approval. Seconded by Vice-Chair Reber, the motion was approved unanimously.

## **VII. Work Plans Items**

### **1. Discussion: THC Training Grant Updates**

Ms. Stubblefield reported that the registration for the training would be free for 30 participants. The training would be virtual or in-person at the downtown Library with the Trainers joining us virtually from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on both Friday, June 4th and Saturday, June 5th, 2021. Mr. Cisneros stated that the training would be available on-demand for those who could not participate on those dates.

### **2. Discussion: Online Interactive Historical Maps Update**

Ms. Stubblefield provided a demonstration of the online interactive map, which includes all local landmarks, maps, and Historic Districts. Mr. Cisneros noted that it was still a work in progress, but it would be completed soon. Points on the map would pull up a description of the property and other relevant information for each Local Landmark.

### **3. Discussion: Historic Preservation Month Planning**

Ms. Stubblefield presented a calendar with a “to-do” list including articles, videos and interactive photos, plus events that Commissioners can attend. Presentations will be given at both of the City Council Meetings in May with a Proclamation for Arlington Historical Society volunteer, Wanda Marshall, to be given on May 4, 2021. The WWII Dedication at City Hall will take place on May 8, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. after being on hold for the past year due to the pandemic. The building that houses Jambo’s on W. Division Street, previously the Arlington Steakhouse, turns 90 this year and Jambo’s, which is celebrating 5 years in their location, will hold a celebration and fundraiser with Top ‘O Hill Terrace later in May. On May 18, 2021, the LPC will present their own Historic Preservation Month Proclamation to City Council.

Ms. Stubblefield asked the Commission to help with highlighting all 38 current local markers using photos of the properties with signage designating that “This Place Matters” for a video presentation to be displayed on the LPC webpage. She suggested asking the property owners to pose with the signs, or for each Commissioner to hold the sign. Each Commissioner would be assigned three to four markers to photograph. Plans would be made to take a group photo at the Arlington Cemetery.

Commissioners Carter and Sullivan volunteered to write articles for the webpage along with former Commissioner Martha Martin for Historic Preservation Month.

## **VIII. Historic Preservation Officer Report**

Ms. Stubblefield announced that the next meeting would take place in-person on the third floor of City Hall in the Council Briefing Room.

A demolition permit had come up and would need to be reviewed prior to the May meeting in order to meet the 30-day requirement. The Commission agreed to hold a special hearing on Thursday, April 22, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Stubblefield has written a State Historic Marker application for the Downtown Train Platform off of Center Street, just north of the Railroad tracks. This will be presented informally to the City Council on April 13, 2021. All State Marker applications must be submitted to the Tarrant County Historical Commission (TCHC) and they will send it to the State on behalf of the City of Arlington as a sponsor. The State will review the application and the LPC will find out in the fall of 2021 if the marker is awarded.

## **IX. Public Forum**

Floreen Henry announced that the TCHC would hold a meeting on May 26, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. in the Plaza Building at 200 Taylor Street, 5th floor, and asked if Ms. Stubblefield might present an update from the City of Arlington.

Martha Martin suggested that the City’s recently updated Tree Ordinance should designate the historic trees and asked if someone from the City could speak or report on the

Ordinance. Floreen Henry noted that the TCHC had recently awarded a historic marker to a tree in Fort Worth.

**X. Future Agenda Items – May 13, 2021**

Chair Rumans suggested that the Arlington Downs Marker be discussed at the next meeting.

**XI. Adjourn**

Chair Rumans adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.



Kristina Rumans, Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Commission  
APPROVED this 13th day of May 2021

