



MINUTES

**Landmark Preservation Commission
Regular Session**

**Public Meeting
Council Briefing Room**

**Thursday, March 10, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

Commissioners Present

Kristina Rumans, Chair
Barbara Reber, Vice-Chair
Jason Sullivan
Shirley Patterson
O.K. Carter
Geraldine Mills
Rodrick Penson
Cheryl Donaldson
Matthew Baker

Absent

Staff

Anthony Cisneros
Cindy Harding
Kerk Gray
Doug Stewart

- I. Call to Order** – Chair Rumans called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Announcements**

Commissioner Mills announced that there would be a re-dedication of the historic sign at the Fielder House Museum on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.
- IV. Approval of Minutes** – February 10, 2022
Commissioner Mills moved to approve the February 10, 2022, minutes. Seconded by Vice-Chair Reber, the minutes were approved unanimously.
- V. Demolition Permit Applications**
 - 1. 401 E. Randol Mill Road**

Mr. Cisneros gave a presentation on the home built in 1951 which had no historic significance. Commissioner Carter had visited the site which was being used as a daycare and zoned Economic District Overlay - Neighborhood Commercial (EDO-NC) with adjacent commercial uses.

Vice-Chair Reber moved to approve the release of the historic stay on 401 E. Randol Mill Road. Seconded by Commissioner Penson, the motion was approved unanimously.
 - 2. 407 E. Randol Mill Road**

Mr. Cisneros gave a presentation on the home built in 1950 which also had no historic significance. Commissioner Carter had visited the site which had holes dug in the backyard. The structure was in bad shape and unsecured with open doors

and broken windows. This lot is zoned Entertainment District Overlay - Office Commercial (EDO-OC).

Commissioner Donaldson moved to approve the release of the historic stay on 407 E. Randol Mill Road. Seconded by Vice-Chair Reber, the motion was approved unanimously.

VI. Dangerous and Substandard Structures Cases

1. 2067 Fleur De Lis Court

Code Officer Gray presented this case which was discovered by the District Inspector. The home has structural issues with holes in the flat roof, mold, and dangerous wiring. A dumpster is on site but there have been no permits issued for work on the structure. Neighbors have complained about vehicles stored on the property, trash scattered about, rodents, and a loss of tenants in adjacent homes due to the poor condition of this property. This home shares an outside wall with 2065 Fleur De Lis Court, making the rehab or demolition very difficult.

Commissioner Penson moved to approve the release of 2067 Fleur De Lis Court back to the City. Seconded by Vice-Chair Reber, the motion was approved unanimously.

2. 206 Broadmoor Avenue

Code Officer Stewart presented this case regarding the severely fire damaged home built in 1928 and a listed as a low priority on the historic survey. It was noted that there was a lot of debris on the property before the fire. The property owner has expressed interest in rehabilitation of the home, or he may sell it as is however he is in poor health and unable to deal with it currently. A tentative hearing has been set for April 2022.

Commissioner Carter moved to approve the release of 206 Broadmoor Avenue back to the City. Seconded by Vice-Chair Reber, the motion was approved unanimously.

VII. Presentation: Historic Structures in Pasadena, CA

Commissioner Penson gave a presentation on Pasadena, California, showing that the historic district had been unsavory in the 1970's and '80's, but has since been regenerated with most of the older building being repurposed as shops and restaurants with safe and walkable areas. There was discussion of the City of Arlington offering tax incentives to maintain facades and place Local Markers on older commercial buildings. Commissioner Penson suggested training be given on marker applications so that all LPC members can assist building owners in applying for markers.

VIII. Work Plan Items

1. Why I Serve Commissioner Reports

Chair Rumans stated that she loves history and hopes to leave a positive mark on Arlington by helping to educate and bring more citizens to serve with the Commission. Her favorite place is her own neighborhood in the "Old Town" area, and she grew up in a historic area of Fort Worth.

Vice-Chair Reber stated that she also loves history, and she serves on the LPC to educate and preserve historic homes and businesses, contributing to the quality of life in Arlington. She hopes that the younger generation will take pride in their hometown and the buildings that shaped Arlington. Her favorite place is the Kookan Educational

Center, formerly Kookan Elementary School built in 1939, where she taught for many years.

2. Local landmarks: Sandstone Houses Update

Commissioner Carter has worked on book projects in other towns and proposed a book be created regarding the sandstone houses in Arlington. The photos and information has already been gathered but needs to be put together featuring 10-12 houses from the 1930's to '50's located in the area between Randol Mill Road, Mitchell Street, Fielder Road, and Collins Street.

3. Local Landmarks: Arlington Cemetery Markers Update

Commissioner Carter praised Mr. Cisneros on the work that he has done with the cemetery markers. He suggested that 20-25 simple markers be set in the older portion of the cemetery and the Masonic section, as well identifying streets throughout the site using QR Codes for use with smart phones as an educational tool. Since the original grant application was denied, the Commission should move forward in a scaled down more affordable way. Fundraising or partnering with other organizations could be done to see the project progress in the future.

4. Data Sheet Update Process Discussion

Vice-Chair Reber and Commissioner Penson suggested that the document be updated twice a year.

5. Arbor Day Planning Discussion

Commissioner Donaldson volunteered to invite a guest speaker to give a presentation on historic trees and possibly plant a tree on a historic site. It was suggested that a very old tree located on W. Abram Street and the cluster of pine trees located at W. Park Row Drive and S. Davis Drive be the first trees to receive recognition if trees were to be added to the marker applications.

6. Historic Preservation Month Planning Discussion

The Commission discussed a theme for Preservation Month and a focus on four topics to be featured each week in May.

7. Cemetery Tour Planning Discussion

Commissioner Donaldson will start planning a tour of historic cemeteries to take place in October 2022, using the Cemetery Story map created by Mr. Cisneros.

8. Local Marker Program Updates

The Commission will look in to adding historic trees to Local Marker applications.

IX. Historic Preservation Officer Report

None

X. Public Forum

None

XI. Future Agenda Items – April 14, 2022

Historic Preservation Month is in May

Sandstone Houses

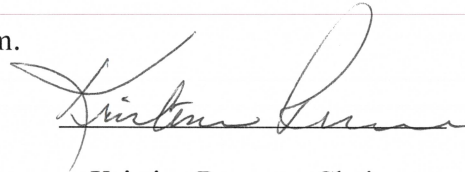
“Why I Serve” comments from each member – Ms. Stubblefield will assign monthly

Book – overview on Sandstone Houses

QR Codes (Commissioners Baker and Carter)

XII. Adjourn


Chair Rumans adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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Kristina Rumans, Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Commission
APPROVED this 14th day of April 2022

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