



MINUTES

**Landmark Preservation Commission
Regular Session**

**Public Meeting
Council Briefing Room**

**Thursday, April 14, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

Commissioners Present

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

Absent

O.K. Carter

Staff

Sarah Stubblefield
Anthony Cisneros
Cindy Harding
Kerk Gray
Doug Stewart

- I. Call to Order** – Chair Rumans called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Announcements**

Commissioner Mills announced that there would be a dedication of a new sign at the Fielder House Museum on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.
- IV. Approval of Minutes** – March 10, 2022
Vice-Chair Reber moved to approve the March 10, 2022, minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Mills, the minutes were approved unanimously.
- V. Dangerous and Substandard Structures**
 - 1. 1413 Swiss Street**

Code Officer Gray presented this case which was discovered by the Arlington Police Department and brought to the attention of the District Inspector. The home had no running water and had a mountain of empty water bottles piled high in the back yard. The home was unsecured, had a hole in the roof, faulty electric, mold, mildew, and was full of trash and debris with rodents and wild animals living inside for a very long time. After speaking to a relative of the owner, the decayed body of the owner's wife was also found in the home. After removal of the deceased woman, the City has cleared the debris and boarded up the structure. The home has been sold twice since Code Enforcement got involved, but no permits have been issued and the structure remains vacant.

Vice-Chair Reber moved to approve the release of 1413 Swiss Street back to the City. Seconded by Commissioner Penson, the motion was approved unanimously.

VI. Why I Serve Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Penson stated that he had previously served on the Bond Committee, and he wanted to learn about Arlington's history, so serving on the LPC was very interesting to him. He wants to participate in the preservation of history and make it better for everyone in the future. His favorite place is the Levitt Pavilion and the surrounding areas of downtown.

VII. Local Landmark Research & Application Process Workshop

Ms. Stubblefield conducted a workshop on researching a property and how to fill out a Local Landmark application, planning to continue the instruction at the next meeting.

VIII. Work Plan Items

1. Local landmarks: Sandstone Houses Update

Chair Rumans had the book that Commissioner Carter had prepared regarding the sandstone houses in Arlington. Two of the 17 houses from the 1930's to '50's located in the downtown area have already been marked. The goal is to speak with the property owners and work with them to fill out the applications. Commissioner Donaldson has talked with her architecture students, noting the significance of these structures as part of the Arts and Crafts movement built from local materials. It was suggested that the group start with 314 N. Orange Street, which was built by the owner's uncle.

2. Local Landmarks: Arlington Cemetery Markers Update

Ms. Stubblefield noted that after the previous Grant application was denied, the original plan was updated on a smaller scale with six internal signs and locations. Public Works will donate the labor involved in marking the streets in the older section of the cemetery. Commissioners Baker and Carter are working on the QR codes to connect with points of interest in the on-line map which is already created.

3. Arbor Day Planning Discussion

Commissioner Donaldson has contacted the Historic Tree Coalition and will have more information in the future; however, it will be after Arbor Day 2022. She will try to connect with the City of Arlington Arborist and plan something for April 2023.

4. Historic Preservation Month Planning Discussion

Ms. Stubblefield presented a calendar for Preservation Month using four topics suggested at the previous meeting which will be featured weekly in May. The Office of Communication will feature photos provided by the Commission each week on the website. The annual LPC proclamation will be given at the City Council Meeting on May 24, 2022.

5. Local Marker Program Items

A Local Marker Application for trees will be presented in the future.

IX. Historic Preservation Officer Report

1. Downtown Historic Sign Preservation

Ms. Stubblefield presented a policy which she is working on to use in training Staff regarding ways to preserve and keep the intent of the sign ordinance, preserving old signs as businesses change in the downtown area while still promoting new businesses.

X. Public Forum

Commissioner Donaldson stated that she had been talking with her Dean at the UTA campus in hopes that they could reach out to facilities and preserve some of the materials from the old Social Work Building, which was once part of the original Arlington High School and is now slated for demolition.

She also asked if anyone had information on a wooden windmill near Lynda Lane and Davis Drive. Commissioner Mills noted that it was once part of a large farm owned by the Bradford family.

Commissioner Baker noted that he had toured the cemetery near downtown with Commissioner Carter to work on the QR codes, and that a list of graves to be marked had been compiled and would be placed on the website with help from Mr. Cisneros.

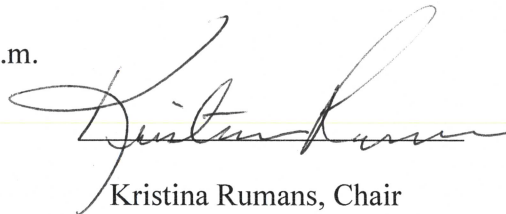
XI. Future Agenda Items – May 12, 2022

Sandstone House – 314 N. Orange Street

“Why I Serve” comments from each member – Ms. Stubblefield will assign monthly
Continue with the Local Landmark Application Process Workshop

XII. Adjourn

Chair Rumans adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.



Kristina Rumans, Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Commission
APPROVED this 12th day of May 2022

