



MINUTES

**Landmark Preservation Commission
Regular Session**

**Public Meeting
Council Briefing Room**

**Thursday, June 9, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

Commissioners Present

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

Absent

Shirley Patterson
Rodrick Penson

Staff

Sarah Stubblefield
Anthony Cisneros
Cindy Harding
Kerk Gray

I. Call to Order – Chair Rumans called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Announcements

Mr. Cisneros announced that the documentary “Echoes from the Hill” would premiere on Friday, June 17th at the AISD Center for the Performing Arts with encore performances on Saturday, June 18th in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Chair Rumans noted that the grave marker cleaning at the old Arlington Cemetery on Mary Street was a big success, and she appreciated the workers who came out to help.

IV. Approval of Minutes – May 12, 2022

Commissioner Donaldson moved to approve the April 14, 2022, minutes. Seconded by Vice-Chair Reber, the minutes were approved unanimously.

V. Dangerous and Substandard Structures

1. 1713 Joyce Street

Code Officer Gray gave a presentation on the home built in the 1953. Neighbors had complained about vagrants on the overgrown property which appeared to be abandoned for many years. There is debris inside the home with holes in the roof, collapsing ceilings, animal and rodent infestation, and faulty wiring. Code Enforcement is currently researching ownership and a tentative hearing is scheduled for July.

Vice-Chair Reber moved to approve the release of 1713 Joyce Street back to the city. Seconded by Commissioner Carter, the motion was approved unanimously.

VI. Amendment to the Public Hearing Schedule

Canceling the meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 8, 2022, and calling a new meeting on Wednesday, September 14th in the Arlington Conference Room on the 3rd floor of City Hall. The new date would stay within the 30-day guidelines for demolition permits if applicable.

Commissioner Carter moved to approve the one-time schedule change. Seconded by Vice-Chair Reber, the motion was approved unanimously.

VII. Why I Serve Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Sullivan stated that he likes history and was born in Arlington. Although he grew up in Mansfield, he moved back to Arlington 15 years ago and found the history of Arlington very interesting, so he now serves with the Arlington Historical Society as well as the Landmark Preservation Commission (LPC).

VIII. Work Plan Items

1. Local Landmarks: Arlington Cemetery Markers Update

Commissioner Carter has written three or four articles regarding the City's first Mayors and will have ten to twelve more written by the end of June. KERA will present a story in print and for radio about the project in the near future. Commissioners Baker and Carter are working on the links to the QR codes and will work with Mr. Cisneros, the IT Department, and the Public Works Department on implementation of the QR codes.

2. Local landmarks: Birds Fort Update

Brian Burns, with the Friends of Birds Fort, has been in contact with the Viridian development to see the plans for the marker. The Commissioners were encouraged to join the Friends of Bird's Fort Facebook group.

3. Other Local Marker Program Items

Commissioner Donaldson is working on a grant application to pay for a marker for a historic post oak tree on W. Abram Street. The oldest oak trees in Arlington are part of the historic Cross Timbers area and can't be replaced.

4. Education Forum Series Presentation

Commissioner Carter stated that the presentations will include two segments of Arlington history beginning with the incorporation of the city to the 1950's and the 1950's to the present. Photos from the Fielder House will be used, and the presentations will take place in the Downtown Library and will be video recorded. Commissioners Carter and Sullivan will create a script and invite former Chairpersons of the LPC to speak. The presentations are planned for the fall of 2022.

IX. Local Landmark Research & Application Process Workshop

Postponed to the next meeting when all commissioners may be present.

X. Historic Preservation Officer Report

None

XI. Public Forum

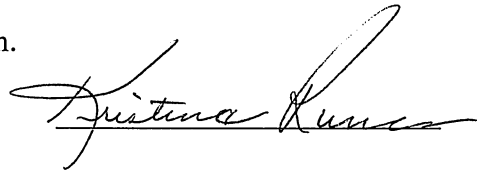
None

XII. Future Agenda Items – July 14, 2022

“Why I Serve” comments from each member – Ms. Stubblefield will assign monthly
Education Forum Series Presentation
Local Landmark Research & Application Process Workshop – Part 2
Historic Trees – Updated by Commissioner Donaldson

XIII. Adjourn

Chair Rumans adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.



Kristina Rumans, Chair

ATTEST:

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

