



## MINUTES

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**Landmark Preservation Commission  
Regular Session**

**Public Meeting  
Council Briefing Room**

**Thursday, August 11, 2022  
6:00 p.m.**

**Commissioners Present**

Kristina Rumans, Chair  
Geraldine Mills  
Cheryl Donaldson  
O.K. Carter  
Jason Sullivan  
Zane Gober

**Absent**

Rodrick Penson

**Staff**

Sarah Stubblefield  
Anthony Cisneros  
Cindy Harding

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

Ms. Stubblefield announced that Commissioner Patterson had resigned her position and a new Commissioner would be appointed. Zane Gober has been appointed to replace Barbara Reber after her term expired and Place 2 remains vacant.
- IV. Approval of Minutes** – July 14, 2022  
Commissioner Mills moved to approve the July 14, 2022, minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Donaldson, the minutes were approved unanimously.
- V. Demolition Permit Applications**
  - 1. 1937 E. Abram Street**

Mr. Cisneros gave a presentation on the home built in 1950 and adjacent to the Parkview Neighborhood but not listed as being historically significant. The home was badly damaged in a fire and is currently vacant. The property is zoned Neighborhood Commercial moving forward so no housing would be built on the lot.

Commissioner Carter moved to approve the release of 1937 E. Abram Street to the city. Seconded by Commissioner Mills, the motion was approved unanimously.
  - 2. 308 N. East Street**

Mr. Cisneros gave a presentation on the former auto repair shop built in 1965 with no historic significance. The structure is dilapidated and owned by the adjacent property owner. The property is currently zoned Downtown Neighborhood Overlay – General Commercial (DNO-GC). It was noted that vehicles cannot be stored on a vacant lot in that neighborhood.

Commissioner Mills moved to approve the release of 308 N. East Street to the city. Seconded by Commissioner Carter, the motion was approved unanimously.

**VI. Presentation: Texas Historic Tree Coalition**

Commissioner Donaldson invited Mr. Bill Coleman to attend the meeting as a guest speaker from Denton, Texas, as a representative of the Texas Historic Tree Coalition (THTC). Mr. Coleman is also a member of the Denton LPC, the Denton and Denton County Historic Commissions as well as a certified Forester and a land surveyor. The THTC was formed with volunteers in Dallas in the 1990's to designate historic, heritage, and unique trees. He stated that the City of Dallas Urban Forest Advisory Committee could classify trees and the Texas Tree Trails is a cooperative effort with Texas A&M and other organizations providing information that can be found at [Texastreetrails.org](http://Texastreetrails.org). It was noted that historic trees are associated with events taking place at least 50 years ago and heritage trees have significance to a community. Anyone wishing to nominate a tree for recognition is encouraged to provide information on the actual significance of the tree, provide a story, and use forms accessible online at [THTC.org](http://THTC.org) before submitting the tree for consideration. Mr. Coleman and his group will be happy to assist the Commission in recognizing significant trees in the future.

**VII. Work Plan Items**

**1. Local Landmarks: Arlington Cemetery Markers Update**

Commissioner Carter stated that the original plan called for 12-15 markers and that there are currently 8-10 completed. There are currently four Quick Response (QR) codes mounted on poles and in use to bring up story maps on cell phones or tablets. Mr. Cisneros is working on the Morgan Woodward story to be attached to a QR code and KERA may do a follow-up story about the project.

**2. Local landmarks: Birds Fort Update**

Commissioner Mills reported that Brian Burns from the Friends of Birds Fort had spoken with the Viridian development representative and is very happy with their plans for the marker.

**3. Educational Video Series Update**

Commissioner Carter said that he would provide one or two scripts for each Commissioner to read in front of a green screen and start shooting the historical series videos in October and November.

**4. Vietnam War Memorial Plaque Discussion**

The Vietnam War Memorial Plaque was given to Mayor Tom Vandergriff in 1972-73 but was lost for many years then found during the demolition and rebuild of the Downtown Library. The original plaque will be redone with corrections to the spelling of several names and displayed in the new Library in the near future.

**5. Historical Monument & Memorials Planning Discussion**

Commissioner Carter announced that City Council is interested in formalizing new memorials and moving toward refining where memorials are located and how they are maintained. It was suggested that several Commissioners research other cities to see how they handle historic monuments, public art, and memorials and a current list would be compiled with a summary of the processes in other cities.

**6. Other Local Marker Program Items**

Mr. Cisneros and Chair Rumans are working on an application for the Simpson-Manning House located in The Hill neighborhood.

**VIII. Historic Preservation Officer Report**

1. LPC Data Sheet Update

We will have the updated Data Sheet at the September meeting and plan to update the information each August and February going forward.

**IX. Public Forum**

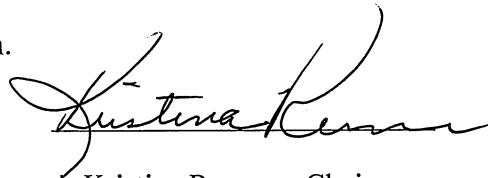
None

**X. Future Agenda Items – Wednesday, September 14, 2022**

Educational Video Series Update

**XI. Adjourn**

Chair Rumans adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.



Kristina Rumans, Chair

ATTEST:



Secretary to the Commission

APPROVED this 14th day of September 2022