




Landmark Preservation Commission

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



"Historic Preservation is the belief and appreciation of sense of place and community. A sense of place gives a understanding of our built environment giving a appreciation and connection to the past."

- Kristina Rumans,
Arlington Landmark Preservation Commission

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The Landmark Preservation Commission is pleased to present our 2022 annual report to the Mayor and City Council. Our dedicated Commissioners are working diligently to preserve our city's historic landmarks and educate our citizens about their significance.

This report will highlight the Commissioners' efforts to mark history by using our "Landmark Arlington" marker program and focusing on historic architectural periods as well as historic sites and neighborhoods. Our program encourages green building to reuse existing structures as opposed to new construction in our older historic neighborhoods and links this history as a "place that matters."

We are educating the citizens to show the value of historic preservation moving forward with our growing community defining not only what we create but also what we refuse to destroy for future generations to appreciate and share with a sense of community pride. These efforts fuel our downtown economy by raising the value of our historic resources.

It is a privilege and honor to be serving as Chairperson of the Landmark Commission and for giving the Commissioners the opportunity to serve Arlington to educate, oversee, and preserve Arlington's historic resources and history.

Kristina Rumans, Chair

LANDMARK PRESERVATION COMMISSION

2021 LANDMARK PRESERVATION COMMISSIONERS

Place 1	Kristina Rumans (appointed November 2020)
Place 2	Matthew Baker (appointed October 2021)
Place 3	Cheryl Donaldson (appointed August 2021)
Place 4	Jason Sullivan (appointed July 2020)
Place 5	Shirley Patterson (appointed July 2021)
Place 6	Barbara Reber (reappointed August 2020)
Place 7	Owen "OK" Carter (appointed July 2020)
Place 8	Rodrick Pension (appointed July 2021)
Place 9	Geraldine Mills (reappointed August 2021)

CITY STAFF LIAISONS

Principal Planner Sarah Stubblefield, AICP continued to serve as staff support and Historic Preservation Officer in 2021.

Anthony Cisneros, AICP, Planner also assisted as staff support in 2021.

Cindy Harding, Administrative Assistant serves as the Commission secretary.

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTING

As a member of the Certified Local Government program, annual reports must be provided to the Texas Historical Commission and National Park Service. Reporting was completed to both organizations in February 2022.

CERTIFICATES OF DEMOLITION

The Arlington Unified Development Code requires Landmark Preservation Commission (LPC) review of demolition and relocation permit applications for all structures at least 50 years of age, whose age is unknown, or those with historical designations. Office of Strategic Initiatives staff provide historic review and property history as well as exterior photos for the Commission's review.

All of the properties listed in the table were reviewed by the Commission at a public hearing. Date of construction is listed according to Tarrant Appraisal District records. The 2007 Historic Resources Survey is used by City staff and the Commissioners to determine if the property is an historically-contributing structure to Arlington.

Address	Const. Date	LPC Date	Priority
1313 W. Second Street	1951	2-11-2021	none
1001 W. Harris Road	1964	2-18-21	none
1412 N. Center Street	1955	3-11-2021	none
2025 S. Cooper Street	1955	3-11-2021	none
2408 W. Harris Road	1963	3-11-2021	none
1908 Southwest Parkway	1970	4-22-2021	none
2015 E. Abram Street	1964	5-13-2021	none
100 E. Third Street	1969	7-8-2021	none
2103 N. Cooper Street	1959	7-8-2021	none
3515 W. Sublett Road	1967	8-12-2021	none
2005 Skylark Drive	1955	9-9-2021	none
2619 Green Oaks Blvd.	1957	9-9-2021	none
2001 Sammons Davis Ct.	1962	10-14-2021	none
938 N. Cooper Street	1965	11-11-2021	none
1804 E. Abram Street	1951	11-11-2021	none
910 Milby Road	1949	12-9-2021	none

The 16 applications received in 2021 were all released by the Commission and are listed in the table above. The number of applications increased slightly in 2021 - there were 13 permits reviewed in 2020, and 12 permits in 2019.

DANGEROUS AND SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES

The Dangerous and Substandard Structures (DSS) team of the Code Compliance division investigates dangerous buildings, the conditions of which endanger the life, health, property, or safety of the public. On occasion the Commission must review the cases being worked by the DSS team due to the potential demolition of structures 50 years or older.

Address	LPC Date
911 Shady Oaks Court	3-11-2021
1107 S. Center Street	4-8-2021
1109 Belvedere Drive	9-9-2021
5813A W. Arkansas Lane	10-14-2021

The properties listed here were reviewed and released to the City of Arlington for appropriate action. DSS team officers provided case information related to review of dangerous structures.

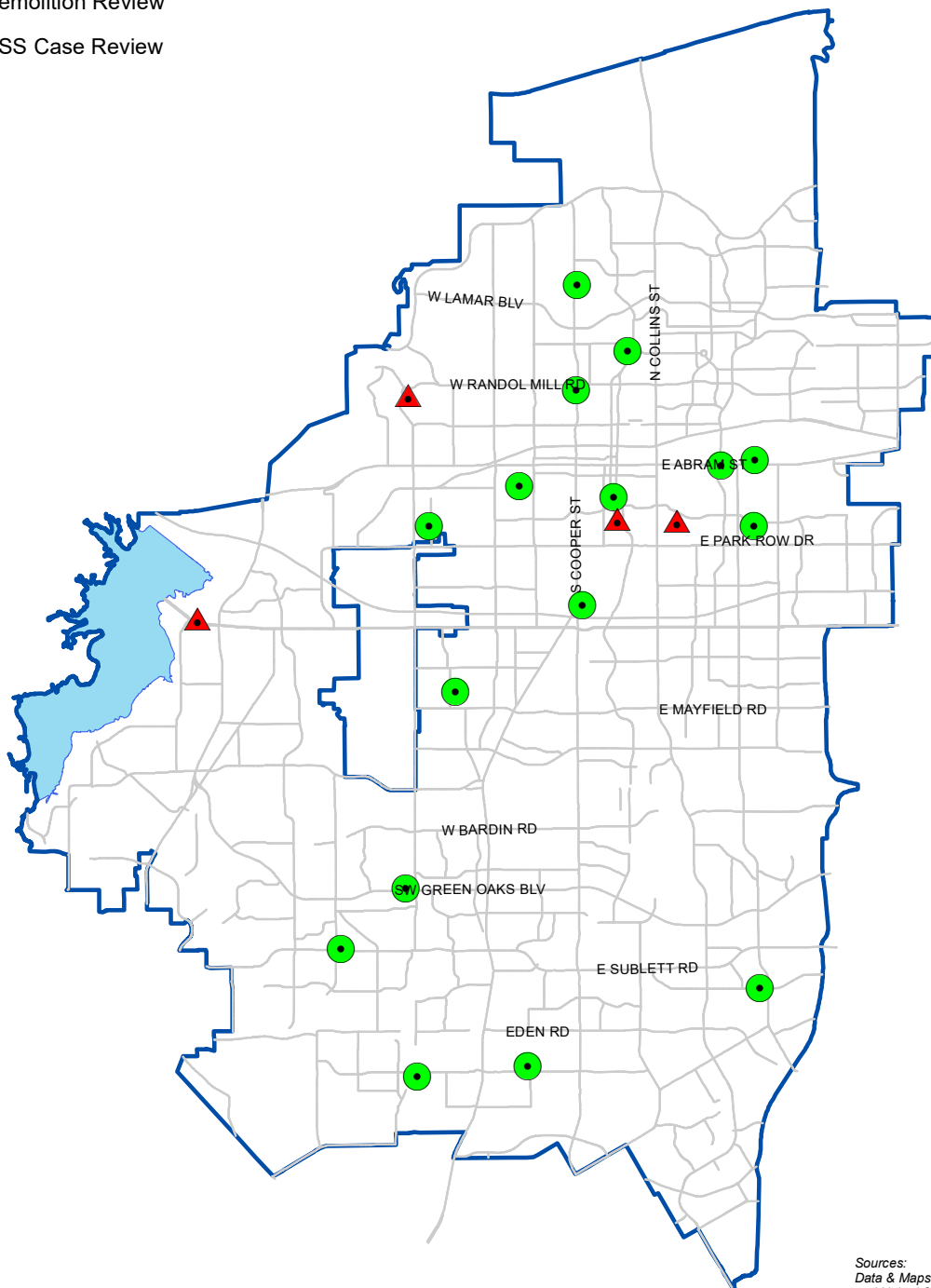
The Commission turned over 4 properties listed in the table to the right for appropriate action by the DSS team. This number is substantially lower than previous years - there were 9 cases reviewed in 2020, and 9 cases in 2019, and 13 cases in 2018.

2021 DEMOLITION PERMIT AND DANGEROUS STRUCTURE CASES



2021 Reviews

- Demolition Review
- ▲ DSS Case Review



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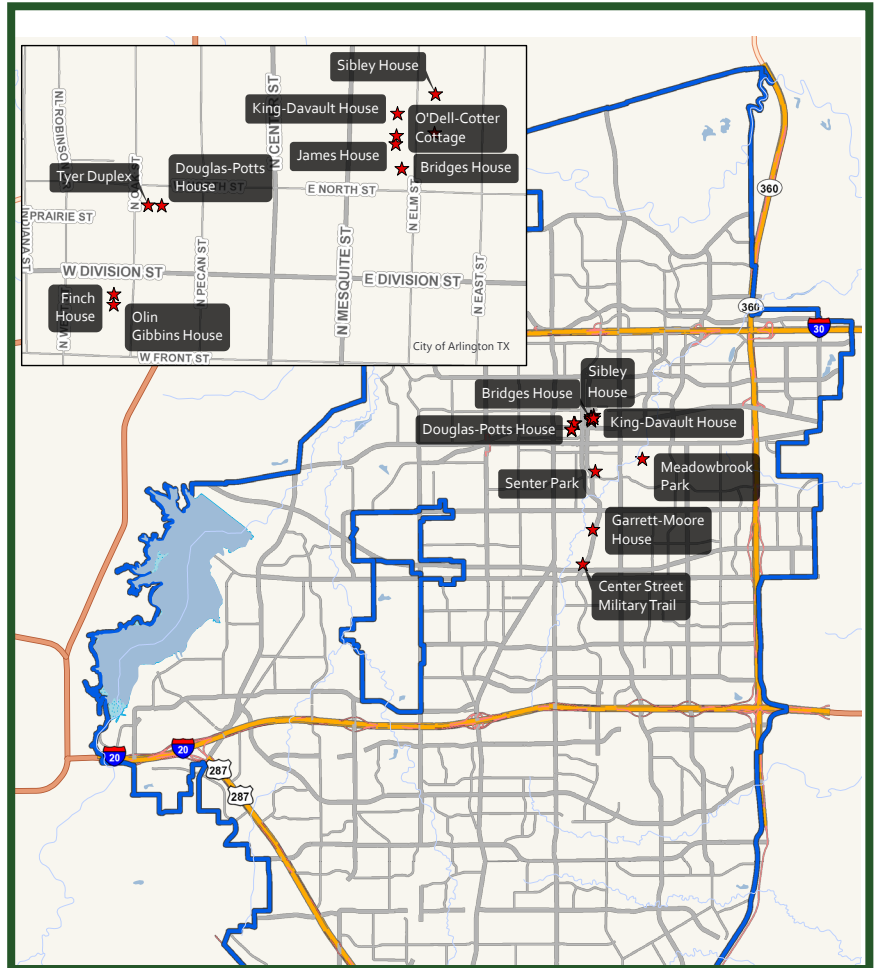
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Current to: 3/18/2020

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The City of Arlington using various official and
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CITY OF ARLINGTON APPROVES FOURTEEN LOCAL LANDMARK NOMINATIONS IN 2021

The Landmark Preservation Commission (LPC) accepts applications to recognize structures and sites that are significant to the history and culture of Arlington. In 2021, the Landmark Preservation Commission received fourteen nominations for local markers that were all approved by LPC and City Council. The following historical sites were nominated and recommended to City Council for approval.

- Bridges Home - 211 E. North Street
- Sibley Home - 419 N. Elm Street
- King-Devault Home - 412 N. Elm Street
- Douglass Potts - 206 W. North Street
- Tyler Duplex - 210 & 212 W. North Street
- Olin Gibbons Home - 208 N. Oak Street
- Finch Home - 210 N. Oak Street
- Center Street Military Trail - 2100 & 2102 S. Center Street
- James Home - 406 N. Elm Street
- O'Dell-Cotter Cottage - 408 N. Elm Street
- Residence - 409 N. Elm Street
- Garrett-Moore Home - 1712 S. Center Street
- Meadowbrook Park - 1300 E. Abram Street
- Senter Park - 700 Mary Street



The Arlington Landmark Preservation Commission celebrated the most designations of landmarks in a single year by hosting a ceremony and reception in December 2021 at the Downtown Library. Owners of the recognized properties joined Mayor Jim Ross, members of City Council, City management, and staff to honor this achievement. Including these newly designated landmarks, there are now 44 local landmarks in the City of Arlington. This program offers the opportunity to preserve the City's rich history and maintain its "small town" character that is complementary to the world-class amenities. Each property owner in attendance was presented a certificate and Local Landmark Medallion.



ARLINGTON HOSTS FREE NAPC TRAINING FOR PRESERVATIONISTS IN DFW

In June 2021, the Arlington Landmark Preservation Commission held a National Alliance Preservation Commission (NAPC) Commission Assistance & Mentoring Program (CAMP) training, both virtually and in-person at the George Hawkes Downtown Library. CAMP is a signature training led by qualified preservation professionals in support of local preservation commissions. This CAMP training allowed neighboring preservation commissioners to attend virtually. The Arlington CAMP training provided high quality training on topics such as:

- Legal Issues & Standards
- Guidelines for Design Review
- Preservation Planning for Local Commissions
- Identifying and Designating Historic Resources
- Building Public Support
- Mid-Century Resources

The training was offered to the Commission and to interested parties through a subgrant awarded by the Texas Historical Commission in 2020.



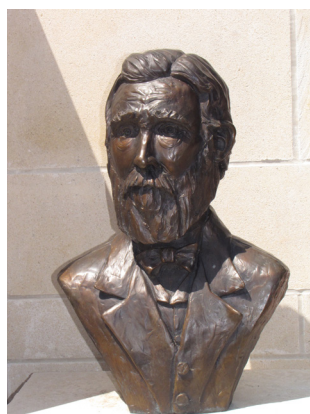
IN THE NEWS

The following historical news features were published in 2021:

- [Landmark Preservation Commission Launches Local Landmark Interactive Map](#) (5/26)
- [Echoes from the Hill - A Juneteenth Celebration of Arlington's Black History](#) (6/16)
- [National Preservation Month: How Arlington Became an Entertainment Destination](#) (5/17)
- [Arlington's Black residents found refuge in 'The Hill.' Locals needed to share its story](#) (7/6)

The LPC also continued a partnership with the Office of Communication to launch a monthly historical series called "A Look Back," authored by Commissioner Owen "OK" Carter. 2021 articles included:

- [A Look Back: Man Who Became Mayor Credited With City's First 'Bucket Brigade,' Fire Alarm Bell](#) (2/26)



2022 LANDMARK PRESERVATION COMMISSION WORK PLAN

The Landmark Preservation Commission (LPC) Work Plan serves as a guide to the LPC for the work they accomplish each year. In general, the Landmark Preservation Commission has wide-ranging goals and objectives based on the goals of the City Council and the adopted 2010 Historic Preservation Plan for the City of Arlington. While many of these Goals and Objectives can take many years to achieve the Action Table for each goal highlights the specific work of the Landmark Preservation Commission throughout 2022.

1. Local Marker Program

- Market and Implement the Program
- Assist in preparing local marker application nominations for additional High Priority properties as Arlington landmarks

2. Outreach

- Increase awareness of Arlington landmark preservation efforts with local, state, and national preservation organizations
- Update LPC Pages on the City website
- Continue to promote Arlington history on City social media pages

3. Incentives

- Propose an Incentive Program for consideration by the Council

4. Landmark Preservation (LP) Overlay

- Evaluate existing overlay and study opportunities for including additional properties, buildings, and sites for increased preservation
- Explore how LP Overlay properties can coordinate with potential incentives
- Recommend changes/updates to LP Overlay to Planning and Zoning Commission

5. Tourism

- Study possibility of walking tour of local landmarks, including a smartphone application
- Create and market an interactive map of all local marker sites to add to the City website and other appropriate online networks

6. Training & Networking

- Seek opportunities for training related to preservation
- Ensure all Commissioners have current ethics and open meetings training
- Attend Other Historic Group Meetings, and Network with Other Historic Interest Groups

- Explore hosting a Texas Historic Commission training event

7. Commission Membership

- Actively recruit LPC members when necessary
- Improve communications with the City to assist the LPC in effectively fulfilling its role

8. Staff Support

- Keep Commissioners informed about community preservation events and initiatives.
- Continue staff functions, including:
 1. Assist with case reports for demolition permits that are referred to the Commission by Planning and Development Services department
 2. Review applicable zoning cases for their potential effect on historic properties and inform the Commission
 3. Prepare annual Certified Local Government (CLG) and other grant applications on behalf of the Commission
 4. Coordinate training opportunities for the Commission and staff including Texas Historical Commission-approved events
 5. Network and coordinate with the private sector, the community, and other City departments on preservation issues and efforts

