



## MINUTES

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LANDMARK PRESERVATION  
COMMISSION

Council Briefing Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
101 W. Abram Street, Arlington

July 13, 2023  
6:00 p.m.

**Commissioners Present**

Kristina Rumans, Chair  
Hunter Brown  
O.K. Carter  
Cheryl Donaldson  
Zane Gober  
Julie Hunt  
Geraldine Mills  
Rodrick Penson  
Jason Sullivan

**Absent**

**Staff**

Sarah Stubblefield  
Anthony Cisneros  
Cynthia Cruz

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

There were no announcements.

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**IV. Approval of Minutes – June 8, 2023**

Commissioner Hunt provided the following correction under Roman Numeral 6, Work Plan Items, Number 6, Other Local Marker Program Items: Change Vanderbilt to Vandergriff.

No other corrections were submitted.

Commissioner Mills provided a motion to approve minutes with correction.

Commissioner Penson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**V. Demolition Permits**

**1. 307 Fuller Street**

**a. Presentation**

Mr. Cisneros provided the Commission with the following information: Year built was 1946, on about .1735 acres. Currently, residential, single-family use, with adjacent uses of residential and institutional. Current owner is Mission Arlington.

Mr. Cisneros provided an historical aerial photo dating back to 1952. The property is not listed on the Historic Resources Survey and there is no historic significance associated with the property. A location map regarding single-family zoning was provided. A map of the

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Historic Resource Survey was provided. There are quite a few properties on the Historic Resources Survey in the area east of Center Street and south of Randol Mill. Aerial and exterior property photos were provided. Current photos were provided by Commissioner Carter. Interior photos showed there is no interior floor. Mr. Cisneros concluded the presentation.

Commissioner Carter inquired if the middle house was the one to be demolished, and whether the correct address is 305 or 307. Ms. Stubblefield clarified that the postal service address is 305. The house at the corner is 307. The smaller house in the middle is the one up for demolition.

Commissioner Penson inquired if the adjacent buildings were being demolished. Ms. Stubblefield said there were no demolition permits for the adjacent structures, only the house in the middle.

**b. Public Hearing**

The public hearing was opened by Chair Rumans.

Commissioner Brown asked why the structure was being demolished. Mr. Tom Struhs, representative with Mission Arlington said the demolition will allow for the expansion of neighboring church family activities and will be an improvement to the neighborhood.

Chair Rumans ask if the commission had questions and hearing none, closed the public hearing.

**c. Determination**

Commission Brown moved to release the stay on 307 Fuller Street.

Commissioner Donaldson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**VI. Local Marker Applications**

**1. Davis-Vandergriff House (1216 W. Park Row Drive)**

**a. Presentation**

Ms. Stubblefield presented the application for 1216 W. Park Row Drive, also known as the Davis-Vandergriff House. A packet with the application and supplemental information and research was distributed to the Commissioners and Ms. Stubblefield reviewed the information.

The house is located west of the Davis/Park Row intersection by the historic pine trees. The applicant is Brian Carter, and the owners are Joy and Brian Carter. They have lived in the house since 2016, when they bought the house from the Vandergriff family. The exact build date is unknown, but the Vandergriff family estimates it was built in the 1920's. The house was extensively renovated to the current façade, between 1964 and 1968. The house is not listed with any other current historical designations, but it does have local historical significance, as the residence of the Vandergriff family and for its unique architecture.

According to the history given to the Carters upon their purchase of the house in 2016, the house was originally designed and built for E.E. Davis, dean of the North Texas Agricultural College, now the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA), from 1925 to 1964. It was purchased by the Vandergriff family in 1964 and they did extensive renovations through 1968.

Tom Vandergriff was the Mayor of Arlington from 1951 to 1977, a member of the U.S. Congress from 1983 to 1985, a Tarrant County Judge from 1991 to 2007, and died in 2010. Victor Vandergriff, the son, purchased the house in 2002, and held positions on the Board of the North Texas Tollway Association and the Texas Division of Motor Vehicles. He was commissioner on the Texas Transportation Commission. The new owners Joy and Brian Carter made interior renovations exposing the interior hardwoods, but much of the exterior remains the same.

Ms. Stubblefield provided aerial photos of the property and pointed out contradictory tax deed records indicating the house was built in 1952. She directed the Commissioners to reference research provided by Chair Rumans.

According to U.S. Census records, the Davis family lived on campus until 1946, when Mr. Davis retired. They took ownership of the property in 1933 and Mr. Davis died in 1950, but his wife continued living there until her death in 1964. The Commission was made aware of a 2021 University of Texas Board of Regents approved resolution to rename E.E. Davis Hall to University Administration Building due to Mr. Davis's racial beliefs. The Commission determined that the house name should reflect both owners as submitted in the application.

Discussion continued about the design and architecture of the house.

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**b. Public Hearing**

Chair Rumans opened and closed the public hearing.

**c. Determination**

Commissioner Mills moved to accept the local marker application for approval.

Commissioner Hunt seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Ms. Stubblefield confirmed the house will be named the Davis-Vandergriff House, and the commissioners all concurred.

**VII. Work Plan Items**

**1. 207 N. Oak Street Update**

Ms. Stubblefield said there are no formal plans yet for the house. The extended formal stay on the house will expire at the end of July. If they end up relocating the structure, it will require separate permit applications and thus, may reappear before the Commission at a later date.

## 2. S. Center Street Historic District Zoning Case (Atlantic Housing)

Ms. Stubblefield reported that the case was approved by City Council and all the houses will be coming to the Commission with demolition permits, possibly by the end of the year.

## 3. Local Marker Homeowner Outreach Update

Commissioner Brown reported that the house at 419 Elm Street has a medallion mounted on a bracket. He will find the vendor information and share with other residents.

## 4. Educational Video Series Update

Commissioner Carter reported he has several projects underway but asked that the update item be taken off the agenda.

## 5. Home Tour Development Update

Commissioner Hunt reported she has looked at the map of local markers to determine what houses could work for a tour. There are several considerations, including the type of tour, time frame, geography, and walking or driving tour. The Commissioners shared new ideas, including creating a phone application, a Christmas home tour as a fundraiser, and partnering with other organizations. No final decisions were made.

## 6. 2023 Work Plan Update

Ms. Stubblefield provided the following updates:

**Local Marker Program** – Only one application has been received in 2023, the Davis-Vandergriff House. She said displaying local marker medallions is a way promote the program, make it more visible, and generate public interest.

**Outreach** - Web pages have been updated and monthly articles have been published on the City's social media avenues.

**Incentives** - No work has taken place on incentives; however, the Commission will hear a presentation on the evening's agenda to start discussing the item.

**Landmark Preservation Overlay** – Additional training will be added to future agendas to discuss LPO requirements and how to encourage property owners to apply.

**Tourism** – Efforts continue to develop content and marketing for the Sanford House and the Arlington Cemetery Tours.

**Training and Networking** – If Commissioners have not completed their Ethics and Opening Meetings training, please let us know. Additional training opportunities will be identified for Commissioners to attend, including webinars hosted by the Texas Historical Commission.

**Recruitment** – June 30<sup>th</sup> is the end for most Commission terms, unless a Commissioner is serving a partial term. There are five Commissioners whose terms were completed on June 30: Brown, Donaldson, Mills, Penson and Sullivan. If they choose to end their service, the Commission will need help finding replacements.

**7. Historic Preservation Tax Incentive**

Ms. Stubblefield presented on the existing programs available for local property owners at the federal, state and local levels. She presented the Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program, the Texas Historic Tax Credit, State Sales Tax Exemptions, County History Tax Exemptions and Local Tax Incentives.

Commissioners began a discussion exploring the various tax incentive options and their appeal to the City of Arlington.

**8. Other Local Marker Program Items**

There were no discussion items.

**VIII. Historic Preservation Officer Report**

None.

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**IX. Citizen Participation**

There was no citizen participation.

**X. Future Agenda Items – August 10, 2023**

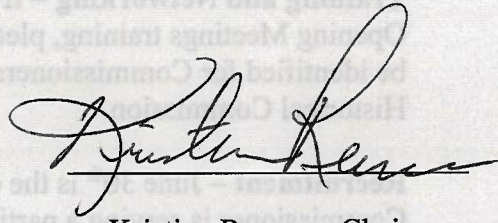
Oak Street Demolition Status

CLG Grant Application

**XI. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was provided by Commissioner Hunt and seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Upon unanimous approval, Chair Rumans adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.



Kristina Rumans, Chair

ATTEST:



Secretary to the Commission

APPROVED this ~~10~~th day of ~~July~~ 2023

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Mr. Stuebel presented on the existing programs available for local property and local levels. She presented the Federal Rehabilitation as Historic Tax Credit, State Sales Tax Exemptions,

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