



**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2011 – 4:30 P.M.
ROOM 500, ONE TEXAS CENTER
505 BARTON SPRINGS ROAD
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

_____ *Laurie Limbacher*
_____ *John Rosato*

_____ *Joe Arriaga*
_____ *Patti Hansen (alternate)*

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

EXECUTIVE SESSION (No public discussion)

The Operations Committee will announce it will go into Executive Session, if necessary, pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from Legal Counsel on matters specifically listed on this agenda. The commission may not conduct a closed meeting without the approval of the city attorney.

Private Consultation with Attorney – Section 551.071

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first three speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR HISTORICALLY-ZONED PROPERTIES.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON COUNCIL DIRECTIVES

A. SHORT-TERM GOALS TO BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL ON AUGUST 19, 2010:

- 1. Limit the number of owner-initiated and Historic Landmark Commission-initiated historic landmark nominations to three per month, except in the case of nominations initiated by the Commission in response to a request for a demolition or relocation permit.**

2. **Limit the number of owner-initiated and Historic Landmark Commission-initiated historic landmark nominations which are located in National Register or Local Historic Districts, other than those initiated by the Commission in response to a request for a demolition or relocation permit, to one per month, unless the other two slots for historic nominations are not completely filled, in which case they may be filled by nominations from National Register or Local Historic Districts.**
- B. **LONG-TERM GOALS TO BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL BY MARCH 31, 2011:**
 1. **Examine historic landmark preservation practices in peer United States cities and identify best practices for identifying, designating and ensuring the preservation of historic properties.**
 2. **Limit the total amount of property tax exemption for each historic property to a fixed dollar amount per year and recommend the proper size of this limit.**
 3. **Recommendations on any other aspects of the historic property identification and designation process, the benefit structure for historic properties, and the allocation of City resources for historic preservation purposes.**
 4. **Analysis of the economic benefits of historic preservation.**

ADJOURNMENT

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For more information on the Historic Landmark Commission, please contact Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Officer, at 974-6454, or Lei Lonnie LaBonte, Administrative Staff, at 974-2890.