



**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.  
REGULAR MEETING  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Austin, Texas**

**CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:**

X *Laurie Limbacher, Chair*  
X *Joe Arriaga*  
X *Meghan Kleon*  
X *Terri Myers*

X *John Rosato, Vice-Chair*  
AB *Patti Hansen*  
X *Dan Leary*

**ANNOTATED AGENDA**

Call to Order: 7:09 P. M.

**I. 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.

No speakers.

**II. Public Hearings**

**A. Discussion and Recommendations on Applications for Historic Zoning**

**1. C14H-2010-0017**

**Victor and Ella Schmidt House**

**1600 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street**

Applicant: Historic Landmark Commission

City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454

Staff Recommendation: Postpone to March 28, 2011 at the property owner's request.

No speakers in support or in opposition. The public hearing was closed (Lery/Kleon). Vote: 6-0 (Hansen absent).

**Motion: Approve the property owner's request for a postponement to March 28, 2011, as the property owner is investigating several alternatives for preservation of the structure. (Leary/Kleon). Vote: 6-0 (Hansen absent).**

**B. Discussion and Action on Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness**

**1. C14H-1974-0016 – O. Henry Museum, 409 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street**

Proposal: Construction of a free-standing rear porch.

Applicant: Reynaldo Hernandez, Austin Parks and Recreation Department

City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454

Committee Recommendation: The Committee reviewed this proposal several months ago and gave preliminary approval to the conceptual design of the porch.

Staff Recommendation: Grant the Certificate of Appropriateness.

No speakers in support or in opposition. The public hearing was closed and the case passed on consent. (Myers/Rosato). Vote: 6-0 (Hansen absent).

**Motion: Approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction of a free-standing rear porch. (Myers/Rosato). Vote: 6-0 (Hansen absent).**

**2. C14H-1982-0007 – Openheimer-Montgomery Building, 105 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street**

Proposal: Signage and a new canvas awning

Applicant: Ellen Noble, Capital Downtown Realtors

City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454

Staff Recommendation: Grant the Certificate of Appropriateness

No speakers in support or in opposition. The public hearing was closed and the case passed on consent. (Myers/Rosato). Vote: 6-0 (Hansen absent).

**Motion: Approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for signage and a new canvas awning. (Myers/Rosato). Vote: 6-0 (Hansen absent).**

**C. Review of Permits in National Register Historic Districts**

**1. NRD-2011-0015**

**E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue (Congress Avenue)**

Proposal: Paint a temporary mural on the 8<sup>th</sup> Street side of the building.

Applicant: Melissa Barry, Downtown Austin Alliance

City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454

Staff Recommendation: Approve the proposal as proposed.

No speakers in support or in opposition. The public hearing was closed. (Myers/Leary). Vote: 6-0 (Hansen absent).

**Commission Action:**

**Commissioner Myers stated that the design and colors of the mural were out of character with the National Register Historic District.**

**Commissioner Rosato stated that the proposed mural is much more visually pleasing than what is there now.**

**D. Review of Applications for Demolition or Relocation Permits**

**1. HDP-2010-0515 – 623 and 702 Wood Street**

Proposal: Demolish two ca. 1908 houses.

Applicant: Daniel Vasquez, owner

City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454

Staff Recommendation: Initiate a historic zoning case to determine the feasibility of rehabilitation on this or an alternate nearby site.

No speakers in support or in opposition. The public hearing was closed. (Leary/Kleon). Vote: 6-0 (Hansen absent).

**Motion:** Deny the application for demolition and initiate a historic zoning case.  
(Leary/Myers). Vote: 6-0 (Hansen absent).

**Commissioner Limbacher asked for additional research:**

1. Determine how much of the BMX park is in the flood plain.
2. Conduct additional research on the context of the neighborhood.
3. Determine the reason for the application for demolition.

### **III. Committee Reports**

#### **A. Special Certificates of Appropriateness Review Committee**

Commissioner Myers reported that the Committee had reviewed 5 applications.

#### **B. Operations Committee**

Commissioner Limbacher reported that the Committee had been meeting regularly to address the Council resolution requesting recommendations for changes to the historic preservation program.

#### **C. Grants Committee**

No report.

#### **D. Preservation Plan Committee**

No report.

### **IV. New Business**

#### **A. Items from Commission**

Commissioner Limbacher reported that the Heritage Society of Austin has moved; they are sharing a small portion of the building with The Texas Society of Architects at Chicon and E. 5<sup>th</sup> Streets.

#### **B. Items from Staff**

No Report

**Adjournment: 7:39 P. M.**