



**Historic Landmark Commission
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Monday, November 18, 2013**

The Historic Landmark Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, November 18, 2013 at City Hall (Council Chambers), 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Laurie Limbacher called the public hearing to order at 7:15p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Chair Laurie Limbacher, Leslie Wolfenden-Guidry, Terri Myers and Dan Leary

Commission Members not present:

Vice Chair John Rosato, Commissioner Roberts and Commissioner Galindo

Staff in Attendance: Steve Sadowsky, Alyson McGee, Tori Haase

CALL TO ORDER: 7:15 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. September 23, 2013
2. October 28, 2013

MOTION: Approve the minutes from the September 23, 2013 and October 28, 2013 public hearings on Commissioner Leary's motion; Commissioner Wolfenden-Guidry second the motion with a 4-0 vote.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR HISTORIC ZONING

1. C14H- 2013-0140

**Louis C., Jr. and Virginia Nalle Page House
2507 Kenmore Court**

Applicant: Sarah Crocker, Crocker Consultants

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

Staff Recommendation: Recommend historic zoning.

Sarah Crocker spoke in support. There were no speakers in opposition. The public hearing was closed on Commissioner Myers motion. Commissioner Leary second the motion on a 4-0 vote.

MOTION: Recommend historic zoning on Commissioner Leary's motion. Commissioner Myers second the motion on a 4-0 vote.

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

1. C14H-1989-0010

Dabney-Horne House, 507 W. 23rd Street

Proposal: Relocate the house to the northwest corner of the same lot.

Applicant: Mike McHone; Donna Carter

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

Committee Recommendation: Keep the house where it is and remove non-historic additions and modifications to preserve the current setbacks.

Staff Recommendation: Staff supports the proposal to move the house a few feet to the northwest on the same site, and also supports the Committee's recommendation to investigate removal of non-historic additions before determining how far the house must be moved.

This case did not have a public hearing due to lack of a quorum.

2. HDP-2013-0696 (Noticed as HDP case number)

Proposed Old Judges Hill Local Historic District, 907 W. 18th Street

Proposal: Exterior repairs and revisions and increase roof height on a proposed contributing house.

Applicant: Jeffrey Overman

City Staff: Alyson McGee, Historic Preservation Office, 974-7801

Committee Recommendation: The proposed design is a good solution for providing additional living space in the attic and maintaining the property's historic appearance. Approve as presented.

Staff Recommendation: Approve as presented.

MOTION: Approve the project as presented on Commissioner Leary's motion. Commissioner Wolfenden-Guidry second the motion on a 4-0 vote.

3. C14H-1990-0014

Barton Springs Pool (Public Art), 2220 Barton Springs Road

Proposal: Install a work of public art outside the south entry to the pool.

Applicant: Susan Lambe, City of Austin Art in Public Places

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

Staff Recommendation: Approve as presented with the recommendation that the top of the sphere not be open.

This project has no bearing on the landmark portion of Barton Springs Pool/Park. However, the project is within the National Register Historic District boundaries.

COMMENTS: No additional comments.

C. REVIEW OF PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS

1. NRD-2013-0047

507 Oakland Avenue (West Line)

Proposal: Demolish a contributing house and garage.

Applicant: James Schissler

City Staff: Alyson McGee, Historic Preservation Office, 974-7801

Committee Recommendation: Continue to consider options that allow for adaptive reuse of the existing buildings. If new construction is pursued design a building, or buildings, that are compatible with the scale, patterns and character of the district.

Staff Recommendation: Postpone releasing the permit and encourage the applicant to consider alternatives to demolition.

MOTION: Approve Staff recommendation to postpone the public hearing to December 16, 2013 on Commissioner Leary's motion; Commissioner Wolfenden-Guidry second the motion on a 4-0 vote.

2. NRD-2013-0048

505 Oakland Avenue (West Line)

Proposal: Demolish a contributing building.

Applicant: James Schissler

City Staff: Alyson McGee, Historic Preservation Office, 974-7801

Committee Recommendation: Continue to consider options that allow for adaptive reuse of the existing buildings. If new construction is pursued design a building, or buildings, that are compatible with the scale, patterns and character of the district.

Staff Recommendation: Postpone releasing the permit and encourage the applicant to consider alternatives to demolition.

MOTION: Approve Staff recommendation to postpone the public hearing to December 16, 2013 on Commissioner Leary's motion; Commissioner Wolfenden-Guidry second the motion on a 4-0 vote.

3. NRD-2013-0066

1607 W. 10th Street (Clarksville)

Proposal: Demolish a contributing house and construct a new house.

Applicant: David Cancialosi

City Staff: Alyson McGee, Historic Preservation Office, 974-7801

Staff Recommendation: Release the permit with the recommendation that the applicant consider a design that allows for the adaptive reuse of the existing house, and require a City of Austin documentation package be submitted prior to release of the demolition permit.

MOTION: Approve Staff recommendation to postpone the public hearing to December 16, 2013 on Commissioner Leary's motion; Commissioner Wolfenden-Guidry second the motion on a 4-0 vote.

4. NRD-2013-0072

1415 Ethridge Avenue (Old West Austin)

Proposal: Demolish a non-contributing house and construct a new house.

Applicant: Marc Lewis

City Staff: Alyson McGee, Historic Preservation Office, 974-7801

Staff Recommendation: Release the permit per the proposed design with the recommendation that the applicant simplify the roof form.

MOTION: Approve Staff recommendation to postpone the public hearing to December 16, 2013 on Commissioner Leary's motion; Commissioner Wolfenden-Guidry second the motion on a 4-0 vote.

5. NRD-2013-0073

1512 W. 29th Street (Old West Austin)

Proposal: Construct a second story addition to a contributing house.

Applicant: Darby Pearson

City Staff: Alyson McGee, Historic Preservation Office, 974-7801

Staff Recommendation: Release the permit with the recommendation that the applicant consider a design that maintains the house's contributing status, and require a City of Austin documentation package be submitted prior to release of the permit.

MOTION: Approve Staff recommendation to postpone the public hearing to December 16, 2013 on Commissioner Leary's motion; Commissioner Wolfenden-Guidry second the motion on a 4-0 vote.

6. NRD-2013-0078

4201 Wilshire Parkway (Wilshire)

Proposal: Construct a detached second residence on a contributing property.

Applicant: Gregory Brooks

City Staff: Alyson McGee, Historic Preservation Office, 974-7801

Committee Recommendation: The proposed design is compatible with the character of the lot, the main house and the neighborhood. Recommend reducing the mass of the chimney on the new structure to reflect the massing and shape of the chimney on the main house.

Staff Recommendation: Release the permit with Committee recommendations incorporated into the design.

MOTION: Approve Staff recommendation to postpone the public hearing to December 16, 2013 on Commissioner Leary's motion; Commissioner Wolfenden-Guidry second the motion on a 4-0 vote.

7. NRD-2013-0085

1711 Mohle Drive (Old West Austin)

Proposal: Revise the façade and construct a second story on a contributing house.

Applicant: Leonard Strickler

City Staff: Alyson McGee, Historic Preservation Office, 974-7801

Staff Recommendation: Release the permit with the recommendation that the applicant consider a design that maintains the house's contributing status,

and require a City of Austin documentation package be submitted prior to release of the permit.

COMMENTS: **No additional comments.**

- 8. NRD-2013-0086**
1510 W. 9th Street (Clarksville)
Proposal: Remove two non-historic dormers, and repair and replace porch features and roof.
Applicant: Sky Currie, Clayton & Little Architects
City Staff: Alyson McGee, Historic Preservation Office, 974-7801
Staff Recommendation: Release the permit per the proposed design.

COMMENTS: **No additional comments.**

- 9. NRD-2013-0087**
91 Rainey Street (Rainey Street)
Proposal: Construct an eight-story, mixed use building in place of six contributing houses.
Applicant: Metcalfe Wolff Stuart & Williams, LLP
City Staff: Alyson McGee, Historic Preservation Office, 974-7801
Staff Recommendation: Release the permit per the proposed design with the request that the applicant consider a design that is more compatible with the character of the District.

COMMENTS: **No additional comments.**

D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR DEMOLITION OR RELOCATION

- 1. HDP-2013-0681**
1303 E. 2nd Street
Proposal: Demolish the rear walls of a ca. 1920 house.
Applicant: Pegasus Construction
City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454
Staff Recommendation: Request that the applicant seriously reconsider the plan to transform this house into a 2-story structure, and retain all or the front portion of this house and construct an addition instead.

MOTION: **Release the demolition permit in accordance with Staff recommendation on Commissioner Leary's motion. Commissioner Wolfenden-Guidry second the motion on a 4-0 vote.**

- 2. HDP-2013-0806**
1110 Tillery Street
Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1900 house.
Applicant: H2i, LLC
City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454
Staff Recommendation: Initiate historic zoning.

Robert Kleeman, Vincent Farell and Barbara Arnold spoke in support of demolition. There were no speakers in opposition. The public hearing was closed on Commissioner Leary's motion. Commissioner Myers second the motion on a 4-0 vote.

MOTION: Allow staff to continue to work with the applicant to find an alternative solution to demolition, but if none can be found, direct staff to release the demolition permit after submission of a City of Austin documentation package on Commissioner Leary's motion. Commissioner Limbacher second the motion on a 4-0 vote.

3. HDP-2013-0811

800 Bouldin Avenue

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1956 duplex.

Applicant: Tara Kaminski, Westoak Capital, LLC

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

Staff Recommendation: Release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center.

MOTION: Approve the project in accordance with the Staff recommendation on Commissioner Leary's motion. Commissioner Wolfenden-Guidry second the motion on a 4-0 vote.

4. HDP-2013-0829

2910 Rio Grande Street

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1928 house.

Applicant: Edward Lopez and Bethany Bartel

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

Staff Recommendation: Encourage the applicant to retain the house on site if possible, if not, then encourage relocation over demolition, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center.

Edward Lopez spoke in support of the demolition application. Betsy Greenberg and Susan Rodenko spoke in opposition to demolition and requested postponement. Edward Lopez rebuttaled. The public hearing was closed on a motion by Commissioner Leary. Commissioner Wolfenden-Guidry second the motion on a 4-0 vote.

MOTION: Post-pone the public hearing to December 16, 2013 and direct staff to conduct further research into the use and proliferation of "Kit" houses in the subject neighborhood on Commissioner Myers' motion. Commissioner Leary second the motion on a 4-0 vote.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Certificates of Appropriateness Review Committee**
Commissioner Myers gave a report.

- B. **Operations Committee**
This committee has not met.
- C. **Grants Committee**
Nothing to report per Alyson McGee.
- D. **Preservation Plan Committee**

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Items from Commission**
- B. **Items from Staff**
 - 1. **Discussion and Action**

Election of officers.

NOTE: An officer is elected for a one-year term, with a maximum of three (3) consecutive years in a specific position. However, the board may override the term limit provision by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the authorized board members.

This item postponed to December 16, 2013 due to lack of a quorum.

- 2. **Discussion and Action**
2014 Historic Landmark Commission meeting schedule.

MOTION: Approve the 2014 Historic Landmark Commission meeting schedule on Commissioner Leary's motion. Commissioner Wolfenden-Guidry second the motion on a 4-0 vote.

- 3. **Discussion**
Use of City email addresses by Commissioners.

Alyson McGee directed the Commissioners on information regarding establishing and using the City Email address provided to Commissioners for any City related communication with regards to the Historic Landmark Commission.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:07 p.m.

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