

Historic Landmark Commission MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING Monday, October 27, 2014

The Historic Landmark Commission convened in a regular hearing on Monday, October 27, 2014 at One Texas Center (Room 325), 505 Barton Springs Road in Austin, Texas.

Commissioner Rosato called the public hearing to order at 7:05 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Commissioners John Rosato, Mary Jo Galindo, Dan Leary, and Leslie Wolfenden-Guidry

Commission Members absent: Commissioners Laurie Limbacher, Terri Myers, and Andrea Roberts

Staff in Attendance: Steve Sadowsky and Kalan Contreras

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.

Ora Houston spoke in favor of discussion of changes to the notification process for the public hearing. Cynthia Perez spoke to address structural issues resulting from demolition at 217 and 221 Congress Avenue. Ben Livingston spoke in support of the applicant for relocation of 811 Kinney Avenue.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. September 22, 2014

MOTION: Approve the minutes of the September 22, 2014 Historic Landmark Commission upon revision to include Commissioner Dan Leary as present as per passage of the consent agenda on a motion by Commissioner Galindo. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion; vote 5-0.

III. BRIEFINGS

None

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR HISTORIC ZONING and ACTIONS ON HISTORICALLY-ZONED PARCELS

1. Un-numbered

Pine Street Station, 414 Waller St.

Elizabeth Purcell, Pamela Boston, Reji Thomas, Katrina Simpson, Andrea (no surname given), Oliver Steck, Katie Crago, Oma Jones, Angie Cheatham, Tonya Lyles, Jenny Wheeland, Cynthia Perez, Ashani Ashaya, Kimberly (no surname given) Alison Lipke, Jeannette Coers, Eli Hollwright, and Bob Bird spoke in favor of initiating historic zoning. John Michael Bartez spoke on behalf of Capital Metro in clarification. Lorelei Brown spoke in opposition to John Michael Bartez.

The public hearing was closed on a motion by Commissioner Leary. Commissioner Wolfenden seconded on a 5-0 vote.

MOTION: Request that staff initiate historic zoning on a motion by Commissioner Galindo. Commissioner Leary seconded on a 3-1 motion, Commissioner Wolfenden voting nay. The motion did not pass due to lack of a quorum vote.

MOTION: Postpone the public hearing for historic zoning case for 30 days on a motion by commissioner Galindo. Commissioner Leary seconded on a 4-0 vote. Commissioner Wolfenden clarified her position, stating that the prospective application does not meet the requirements for a historic period of significance, and suggested that the prospective applicant bring forth additional materials to meet the criteria.

2. C14H-2014-0012 - Mary Nelson House, 1502 W. 9th Street

Applicants: Bryan Bayerdorffer, owner

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

Staff Recommendation: Recommend historic zoning.

Bryan Bayerdorffer spoke in support of historic designation. There were no speakers in opposition. The public hearing was closed on a motion by Commissioner Leary. Commissioner Wolfenden seconded the motion; vote: 4-0.

MOTION: Approve historic zoning on a motion by Commissioner Leary. Commissioner Wolfenden seconded the motion; vote 4-0.

3. C14H-2014-0013 – Louis and Maude Goldberg House, 402 E 34th Street

Applicants: Eric N. Dudley and Anna Lindgren, owners

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

Staff Recommendation: Recommend historic zoning.

There were no speakers. The public hearing was closed on a motion by Commissioner Wolfenden. Commissioner Galindo seconded; vote: 4-0.

MOTION: Approve historic zoning on a motion by Commissioner Galindo. Commissioner Wolfenden seconded the motion; vote 4-0.

4. C14H-2013-0005

Judges' Hill Local Historic District
PULLED FROM THE AGENDA DUE TO NOTIFICATION ERROR.

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

1. C14H-1979-0019 – Bosche-Hogg Building

804 Congress Avenue

Proposal: Replace ATM with a service window.

Applicant: Sean O'Brien, Colina West

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

Committee Recommendation: Approve as proposed.

Staff Recommendation: Approve as proposed.

MOTION: Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness as proposed per passage of the consent agenda on a motion by Commissioner Galindo. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion; vote: 4-0.

2. C14H-1997-0008 – Norwood House

1019 Edgecliff Terrace

Proposal: Foundation work, structural stabilization, correct misplacement of the house.

Applicant: Colleen Theriot, Norwood Park Foundation

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

Committee Recommendation: Approve as proposed.

Staff Recommendation: Approve as proposed.

Colleen Theriot and Caroline Wright spoke in support of Phase I of the Norwood House rehabilitation. The public hearing was closed on a motion by Commissioner Galindo. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion; vote: 4-0.

MOTION: Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness as proposed per passage of the consent agenda on a motion by Commissioner Leary. Commissioner Wolfenden seconded the motion; vote: 4-0.

3. C14H-2006-0001 – Manning-Udden-Bailey House

804 Congress Avenue

Proposal: Construct a new garage/guest house.

Applicant: Donna Endres, owner

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

Committee Recommendation: Design the building to be more compatible with the architecture of the house. The applicant has redesigned the building in conformance with the Committee's recommendations.

Staff Recommendation: Approve as proposed.

MOTION: Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness as proposed per passage of the consent agenda on a motion by Commissioner Galindo. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion; vote: 4-0.

C. REVIEW OF PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS

1. Un-numbered

7th and Congress streetlight relocation and replacement for the new hotel

COMMENTS: No additional comments to the staff recommendation.

2. NRD-2014-0068

806 Patterson Avenue (West Line)

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1917 contributing house.

Applicant: Greenbelt Homes

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

Staff Recommendation: Either postpone to November 17, 2014 under the Commission's 180-day demolition delay process, or release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package, and upon the Commission's review of plans for a replacement structure.

MOTION: Postpone the public hearing on a motion by Commissioner Leary. Commissioner Wolfenden seconded the motion; vote: 4-0.

3. NRD-2014-0078

1631 Palma Plaza (Old West Austin) – POSTPONE TO November 17, 2014 at the applicant's request.

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

Applicant: Morris Yates

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

Staff Recommendation: Postpone to November 17, 2014 at the applicant's request.

MOTION: Postpone the public hearing on a motion by Commissioner Leary. Commissioner Wolfenden seconded the motion; vote: 4-0.

4. NRD-2014-0082

1415 Westover Road (Old West Austin) – Postpone to October 27, 2014 to allow the applicant to complete zoning review.

Proposal: Construct a two-story addition.

Applicant: Cory Pomeroy

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

Staff Recommendation: Recommend that the applicant reconsider constructing the addition flush with the front wall.

COMMENTS: No additional comments to the staff recommendation.

5. NRD-2014-0084

1208 W. 8th Street (West Line)

Proposal: Demolish a contributing house.

Applicant: Kris Owens

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

Staff Recommendation: Either postpone to November 17, 2014 under the Commission's 180-day demolition delay process, or release the permit upon

completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package, and upon review of the plans for a new structure for the site.

MOTION: Postpone the public hearing on a motion by Commissioner Leary. Commissioner Wolfenden seconded the motion; vote: 4-0.

6. NRD-2014-0097

3302 Funston Street (Old West Austin) – POSTPONE TO OCTOBER 27, 2014 to allow the applicant to complete zoning review.

MOTION: Postpone the public hearing on a motion by Commissioner Leary. Commissioner Wolfenden seconded the motion; vote: 4-0.

7. NRD-2014-0100

500 E 6th St. (Sixth Street)

Proposal: Construct a rooftop addition; replace windows.

Applicant: Ken Johnson, Michael Hsu Architects

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

Staff Recommendation: Set the rooftop activities, vegetation, and trees back from the parapet in accordance with the Architectural Design Guidelines for Sixth Street.

Ken Johnson spoke in favor. There were no speakers in opposition. Commissioner Leary requested clarification on the rooftop deck layout. Ken Johnson provided clarification to Commissioner Leary.

MOTION: Postpone the hearing to November 17, 2014 on a motion by Commissioner Galindo. Commissioner Wolfenden requested staff look into the history of the building as part of the motion. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion; vote: 4-0.

8. NRD-2014-0107

615 Theresa Avenue (West Line)

Proposal: Construct a new duplex on a vacant lot.

Applicant: Tom Blackwell

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

Staff Recommendation: Approve as proposed.

COMMENTS: No additional comments to the staff recommendation.

9. NRD-2014-0108

1715 W 30th Street (Old West Austin) – PULLED FROM THE AGENDA – NO ACTION NECESSARY.

10. NRD-2014-0109

1210 Castle Hill Street (Old West Austin)

Proposal: Expand the existing rooftop observation deck, construct a new two-story screened porch on the back with an exterior spiral staircase to the observation deck, construct a new carport, install a backyard pool.

Applicant: Annie-Laurie Grabiel, architect

City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454 Staff Recommendation: Remove the existing observation deck, but locate the new observation deck on top of the new addition or as a separate structure to avoid the appearance of a widow's walk inconsistent with the style of the house.

COMMENTS: No additional comments to the staff recommendation.

11. NRD-2014-0112

2702 Jefferson Street (Old West Austin)

Proposal: Construct a new single-family home.

Applicant: Tom Blackwell

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

Staff Recommendation: Encourage the applicant to reconsider the size, scale, and materials of this house from the street, and to perhaps set the second story back from the front of the house to give it a presence more compatible with the single-story houses in this part of the district.

COMMENTS: No additional comments to the staff report.

12. NRD-2014-0113

1611 Woodlawn Boulevard (Old West Austin)

Proposal:

Applicant: Steve Simon

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

Staff Recommendation: Approve as proposed.

COMMENTS: No additional comments to the staff report.

13. NRD-2014-0115

3306 Bryker Drive (Old West Austin)

Proposal: Construct a new multi-family condominium building.

Applicant: Joseph Boyle

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

Staff Recommendation: Recommend that the applicant rethink the plans to transform this house from a one-story house into a two-story house.

COMMENTS: No additional comments to the staff report.

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

1. HDP-2014-0818

1106 Myrtle Street

Proposal: Relocate a ca. 1930 house outside the city

Applicant: Mark Taylor

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

Staff Recommendation: Release the permit.

MOTION: Release the relocation permit in accordance with the staff recommendation, per the consent agenda, on a motion by Commissioner Galindo. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion; vote: 4-0.

2. HDP-2014-0842

3900 Cherrywood Road

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1950 house.

Applicant: Pecan Valley Homes

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

Staff Recommendation: Encourage adaptive reuse and retention of the house if feasible; otherwise, release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

Dale Thornton spoke in favor of demolition. Jules Vieau, Priscilla Boston, (no name given), and Karen Maynis spoke in opposition to demolition. Dale Thornton provided rebuttal to Vieau, Boston, (no name given), and Maynis. Commissioner Leary requested clarification that the neighborhood had been consulted. Dale Thornton provided clarification. The public hearing was closed on a motion by Commissioner Wolfenden. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion; vote: 4-0.

MOTION: Release the permit in accordance with the staff recommendation on a motion by Commissioner Wolfenden. Commissioner Rosato seconded the motion on a vote of 2-2, Commissioners Galindo and Leary voting nay. The motion did not pass.

MOTION: Postpone the public hearing to November 14, 2014 on a motion by Commissioner Leary. Commissioner Galindo seconded the motion; vote: 4-0.

3. HDP-2014-0843

904 Jessie Street

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1946 house. Applicant: Homes by Parker, Inc.

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

Staff Recommendation: Encourage adaptive reuse and retention of the house if feasible; otherwise, release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation package.

MOTION: Release the demolition permit in accordance with the staff recommendation, per the consent agenda, on a motion by Commissioner Galindo. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion; vote: 4-0.

4. HDP-2014-0848

2100 Chestnut Avenue

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1921 house.

Applicant: Ethan Hyams

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

Staff Recommendation: Release the permit.

MOTION: Release the demolition permit in accordance with the staff recommendation, per the consent agenda, on a motion by Commissioner Galindo. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion; vote: 4-0.

5. HDP-2014-0860

5110 Duval Street

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1947 house.

Applicant: Ross Rathgeber

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

Staff Recommendation: Encourage adaptive reuse and retention of the house

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MOTION: Release the demolition permit in accordance with the staff recommendation, per the consent agenda, on a motion by Commissioner Galindo. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion; vote: 4-0.

6. HDP-2014-0863

3505 Banton Road

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1948 house.

Applicant: MX3 Homes

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

Staff Recommendation: Release the permit.

MOTION: Release the demolition permit in accordance with the staff recommendation, per the consent agenda, on a motion by Commissioner Galindo. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion; vote: 4-0.

7. HDP-2014-0873

716 Harris Avenue

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1933 house.

Applicant: Kevin Cutsinger

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

Staff Recommendation: Encourage adaptive reuse and retention of the house if feasible; otherwise, release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

MOTION: Release the demolition permit in accordance with the staff recommendation, per the consent agenda, on a motion by Commissioner Galindo. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion; vote: 4-0.

8. HDP-2014-0885

1823 W. 39th Street

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1935 house.

Applicant: Chester Wilson, Greater Austin Builders

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

Staff Recommendation: Encourage adaptive reuse and retention of the house if feasible; otherwise, release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

Chester Wilson and John Chriss spoke in favor of demolition. Cathy Negrel, Tracy Garner, and Greg Garner spoke in opposition to demolition. Chester Wilson provided clarification to the speakers in opposition. Commissioner Leary suggested postponement, to which Chester Wilson agreed. The public hearing was closed on a motion by Commissioner Wolfenden. Commissioner Galindo seconded the motion; vote: 4-0.

MOTION: Postpone the public hearing to November 17, 2014 on a motion by Commissioner Leary. Commissioner Wolfenden encouraged relocation and seconded the motion; vote: 4-0. Commissioner Galindo suggested that the neighborhood look into designation of a local historic district.

9. HDP-2014-0894

4504 Depew Avenue

Proposal: Relocate a house that was moved to this site in 1948.

Applicant: Chester Wilson, Greater Austin Builders

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

Staff Recommendation: Release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

MOTION: Release the relocation permit in accordance with the staff recommendation, per the consent agenda, on a motion by Commissioner Galindo. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion; vote: 4-0.

10. HDP-2014-0895

1819 W. 39th Street

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1946 house. Applicant: Greater Austin Builders

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

Staff Recommendation: Encourage adaptive reuse and retention of the house if feasible; otherwise, release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

Chester Wilson spoke in favor of demolition. Tracy Garner and Cathy Negrel spoke in opposition. The public hearing was closed on a motion by Commissioner Galindo. Commissioner Wolfenden seconded the motion; vote: 4-0.

MOTION: Postpone the public hearing to November 17, 2014 on a motion by Commissioner Leary. Commissioner Wolfenden encouraged relocation and seconded the motion; vote: 4-0.

MOTION: Extend the public hearing past 10:00 on a motion by Commissioner Galindo. Commissioner Rosato seconded the motion; vote: 4-0.

11. HDP-2014-0903

4910 Duval Street

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1953 house.

Applicant: RB Custom Homes

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

Staff Recommendation: Encourage adaptive reuse and retention of the house if feasible; otherwise, release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

MOTION: Release the demolition permit in accordance with the staff recommendation on a motion by Commissioner Galindo. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion; vote: 4-0.

12. HDP-2014-0904

3216 Stevenson Avenue

POSTPONE TO NOVEMBER 17, 2014 at the applicant's request.

MOTION: Postpone the public hearing on a motion by Commissioner Leary. Commissioner Wolfenden seconded the motion; vote: 4-0.

13. HDP-2014-0907

811 Kinney Avenue

Proposal: Relocate a ca. 1932 house.

Applicant: Christina Brown

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

Staff Recommendation: Release the permit.

MOTION: Release the relocation permit in accordance with the staff recommendation on a motion by Commissioner Galindo. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion; vote: 4-0.

14. HDP-2014-0923

3709 Taylors Drive

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1969 house.

Applicant: Ross M Rathgeber

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

Staff Recommendation: Release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

Ross Rathgeber and David Middleton spoke in favor of demolition. The public hearing was closed on a motion by Commissioner Leary. Commissioner Galindo seconded the motion; vote: 4-0.

MOTION: Initiate historic zoning and request further research on methods of construction on a motion by Commissioner Leary. Commissioner Wolfenden seconded the motion. No vote was taken.

MOTION: Postpone the public hearing to November 17, 2014, on a motion by Commissioner Leary. Commissioner Wolfenden seconded the motion; vote: 4-0.

V. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DEMOLITION BY NEGLECT CASES.

1. DBN-2014-0001 – 907, 909, and 911 Congress Avenue.

Postpone to October 27, 2014 for further progress on remedying the site conditions and proposing a rehabilitation plan for the buildings.

MOTION: Postpone to November 17, 2014 per staff recommendation, on a motion by Commissioner Galindo. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion; vote: 4-0.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Certificates of Appropriateness Review Committee
- B. Operations Committee
- C. Grants Committee
- D. Preservation Plan Committee

COMMENT: Commissioners Rosato, Leary, Galindo, and Wolfenden agreed to waive committee reports for the hearing.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Items from Commission
- B. Items from Staff

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Rosato motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 p.m. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion on a 4-0 vote.

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