



## HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION

November 16, 2015 - 7:00pm  
ONE TEXAS CENTER, ROOM 325  
505 Barton Springs Road  
Austin, Texas

### CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

☒ *Madeline Clites*  
☒ *Mary Jo Galindo*  
☐ *Terri Myers*  
☒ *Arif Panju*

☒ *Alex Papavasiliou*  
☐ *Emily Reed*  
☒ *Blake Tollett*  
☒ *Michelle Trevino*  
☒ *David Whitworth*

### AGENDA

#### CORRECTION – FOR ITEM D.12 TO SHOW THE CORRECT APPLICANT

CALL TO ORDER : 7:10 p.m.

#### 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. October 26, 2015 – postpone to December 14, 2015.

MOTION: Postpone the public hearing to December 14, 2015 per passage of the consent agenda on a motion by Commissioner Trevino. Commissioner Panju seconded the motion; vote 7-0.

#### 3. OLD BUSINESS

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

#### 5. BRIEFINGS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION.

#### 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR HISTORIC ZONING, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR HISTORIC DISTRICT ZONING APPLICATIONS, and REQUESTS TO CONSIDER THE INITIATION OF A HISTORIC ZONING CASE

- 1 C14H-2015-0004 – Postpone to December 14, 2015 at the staff's request to resolve issues.  
Swearingen-Gray House  
1606 Watchhill Road  
Council District 9  
Applicants: Andy and Rebekah Thomas, owners  
City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454  
Staff Recommendation: Postpone to November 16, 2015 at staff's request.

**MOTION:** Postpone the public hearing to December 14, 2015 per passage of the consent agenda on a motion by Commissioner Trevino. Commissioner Panju seconded the motion; vote 7-0.

**B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS**

- 1 LHD-2015-0016  
Castle Hill Local Historic District  
1115 W 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Council District 9  
Proposal: Construct a two and three story multi-family building.  
Applicant: Mark Vornberg  
City Staff: Beth Johnson, Historic Preservation Office, 974-7801  
Committee Recommendation: Reviewed the façade with changes and the committee can not recommend the application for consent approval and would like the project to be discussed by the full Historic Landmark Commission.  
Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval as the application meets all of the Standards outlined for New Construction in the Castle Hill Local Historic District Standards due to its location and immediate context. Also the neighborhood has written in support of the proposal (see backup) and has met with staff to discuss their support for the project.

Mark Vornberg and John Teinart spoke in support of the application. There were no speakers in opposition

**MOTION:** Close the public hearing on a motion by Commissioner Panju. Commissioner Papavasiliou seconded the motion; vote 7-0.

**MOTION:** Approve the application per staff recommendation on a motion by Commissioner Tollett. Commissioner Panju seconded the motion; vote 7-0.

2. LHD-2015-0022  
Hyde Park Local Historic District  
4005 Avenue C  
Council District 9  
Proposal: Construct a rear one-story addition, and a front porch addition  
Applicant: Leana Davis  
City Staff: Beth Johnson, Historic Preservation Office, 974-7801  
Committee Reviewed and supports the proposal with changes that have been incorporated into the plans.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the proposal as submitted as the design meets the standards of the Hyde Park Design Standard that relate to additions and porches.

**MOTION:** Approve the application, in accordance with the staff recommendation, per passage of the consent agenda on a motion by Commissioner Panju. Commissioner Clites seconded the motion; vote 7-0.

**3. C14H-1978-0033 and C14H-1986-0008**

**Littlefield Building, 108 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, and Scarbrough Building, 522 Congress Avenue.**

**Council District 9**

Proposal: Install new glass sidewalks at the buildings based upon historic photographs.

Applicant: Sean O'Brien

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

Committee Recommendation: Not reviewed.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the proposal as submitted with the condition that the applicant obtain a license agreement from the City for the new sections of the sidewalk.

Sean O'Brien and David Kahn spoke in support of the application. There were no speakers in opposition.

**MOTION:** Close the public hearing on a motion by Commissioner Panju. Commissioner Clites seconded the motion; vote 7-0.

**MOTION:** Approve the application per staff recommendation on a motion by Commissioner Panju. Commissioner Tollett seconded the motion; vote 7-0.

**C. REVIEW OF PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS**

**1. NRD-2015-0049**

**1705 W 29<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Council District 10**

Proposal: Construct new two-three story single family residence

Applicant: UnBox Studio

City Staff: Beth Johnson, Historic Preservation Office, 974-7801

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends release of the permit and encourages the applicant to incorporate staff's recommendations into their design to make the building more compatible with the neighborhood. While the new construction is very modern in style, it has created a gable type form with two slanted roofs and gable roof forms are common in the neighborhood. The original design of the house that was submitted used two different sizes of lap siding, however the applicants have decided to go with stucco siding as the primary siding material. Staff recommends going back to the wood siding as a main siding choice as stucco is not a common material found on the street or within the neighborhood however lap siding is very common.

**COMMENT:** No additional comment to the staff recommendation.

2. **NRD-2015-0112 - POSTPONE TO DECEMBER 14, 2015 at the applicant's request.**

**611 West Lynn Street**

**Council District 9**

Proposal: Demolition of the building

Applicant: Kathleen Labay

City Staff: Beth Johnson, Historic Preservation Office, 974-7801

Staff Recommendation: Postpone to the November 16, 2015 Historic Landmark Commission or initiate historic zoning as the Slaughter-Dildy House is significant for its architecture and its association with Roy Slaughter, a principal of Brown Brothers, one of the city's most prominent banking institutions, and with Dr. Charles Dildy, a local physician. If the Historic Landmark Commission releases the permit, a City of Austin Documentation package should be submitted before the permit is released.

**MOTION: Postpone the public hearing, per passage of the consent agenda, on a motion by Commissioner Trevino. Commissioner Panju seconded the motion; vote 7-0.**

3. **NRD-2015-0118**

**1401 Wathen Avenue**

**Council District 9**

Proposal: Construct a second floor addition onto the sides on one story portions of the building.

Applicant: Mark Vaughn

City Staff: Beth Johnson, Historic Preservation Office, 974-7801

Staff Recommendation: While the proposal is in keeping with the style of architecture in the neighborhood and of the original house, many of the changes to the property are not in keeping with the Secretary of the Interiors Standards for Historic Preservation. Staff recommends to release the permit with the following changes to the plans to keep the proposal more in keeping with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

- 1) Keep the original style of window on the house rather than replacing double hung windows with casement windows
- 2) Retain the bay window on the front of the house.
- 3) Retain the wood siding on the top of the house rather than residing the entire house in brick siding.

**COMMENT: No additional comment to the staff recommendation.**

4. **NRD-2015-0119**

**1806 W 10<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Council District 9**

Proposal: Demolition of a circa 1932 house

Applicant: Pecan Valley Homes,

City Staff: Beth Johnson, Historic Preservation Office, 974-7801

Staff Recommendation: While the building is a nice example of a vernacular style residential structure commonly found in Clarksville and it retains much of its architectural integrity, the occupational history researched on this property did not turn up any historical or cultural associations with this property. While Staff encourages the applicant to

reuse the structure or consider relocation, we cannot recommend imitating historic zoning on this property as it does not meet the criteria for Historic Landmark designation. Staff does recommend a postponement to the December 14, 2015 meeting to allow the neighborhood and staff time to discuss alternatives to demolition.

Hector Avila spoke in opposition to postponement.

**MOTION: Postpone the public hearing to December 14, 2015 on a motion by Commissioner Clites. Commissioner Trevino seconded the motion; vote: 4-3, Commissioners Papavasiliou, Panju, and Whitworth voting no. The motion failed to pass with the required 6 votes to postpone.**

Hector Avila spoke in support of demolition. There were no speakers in opposition.

**MOTION: Close the public hearing on a motion by Commissioner Whitworth. Commissioner Papavasiliou seconded the motion; vote 7-0.**

**MOTION: Postpone the public hearing to December 14, 2015 on a motion by Commissioner Clites. Commissioner Trevino seconded the motion. Vote 4-3, with Commissioners Papavasiliou, Whitworth, and Panju voting no. The motion failed to pass.**

**MOTION: Consider relocation or rehab, but otherwise approve the application with a documentation package on a motion by Commissioner Whitworth. Commissioner Trevino seconded the motion; vote 7-0.**

**5. NRD-2015-0120  
3204 Kerbey Lane  
Council District 10**

Proposal: Construct a two story addition onto a one story house.

Applicant: Atlantis Architects

City Staff: Beth Johnson, Historic Preservation Office, 974-7801

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends to release the permit. While staff encourages new additions to be added to the rear of the house and to keep the historic façade as intact as possible, the design of this building is respectful of the architecture and the original first floor façade is remaining intact.

**COMMENT: No additional comment to the staff recommendation.**

**6. NRD-2015-0121  
906 Robertson Street  
Council District 9**

Proposal: Construct a rear 3 story addition (Basement, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Applicant: James Cormier

City Staff: Beth Johnson, Historic Preservation Office, 974-7801

Staff Recommendation: Release the application as submitted. The changes that are being proposed are on the rear of the house and take advantage of the natural grade on the property to increase the size of the house without overwhelming the original house. This addition is a

sympathetic addition. The design of the addition is in keeping with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards.

**COMMENT:** No additional comment to the staff recommendation.

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

**1. HDP-2014-1083**

**1611 Walnut Avenue  
Council District 1**

Proposal: Relocate a ca. 1925 on the same lot, but to face 17<sup>th</sup> Street rather than Walnut Avenue.

Applicant: Sal Martinez, MX3 Homes

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

Staff Recommendation: Release the permit as proposed.

**MOTION:** Approve the application in accordance with the staff recommendation, per passage of the consent agenda on a motion by Commissioner Panju. Commissioner Clites seconded the motion; vote 7-0.

**2. HDP-2015-0126 - Postpone to December 14, 2015 at the applicant's request.**

**1813 Brackenridge Street  
Council District 9**

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1909 house.

Applicant: David West

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

Staff Recommendation: Postpone to December 14, 2015 at the applicant's request to obtain a variance to construct the proposed project which will incorporate the historic-age house.

**MOTION:** Postpone the public hearing to December 14, 2015 per passage of the consent agenda on a motion by Commissioner Trevino. Commissioner Panju seconded the motion; vote 7-0.

**3. HDP-2015-0783 – Applicant requests an indefinite postponement.**

**606 and 608 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street**

**Council District 9**

Proposal: Demolish two 19<sup>th</sup> century houses.

Applicant: Tim Langan

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

Staff Recommendation: Grant the applicant's request for an indefinite postponement.

**MOTION:** Postpone the public hearing indefinitely per passage of the consent agenda on a motion by Commissioner Trevino. Commissioner Panju seconded the motion; vote 7-0.

**4. HDP-2015-0903**

**1404 Bob Harrison Street  
Council District 1**

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1915 house.

Applicant: Jessica Braun

City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454  
Staff Recommendation: Release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

**MOTION: Approve the application in accordance with the staff recommendation, per passage of the consent agenda on a motion by Commissioner Panju. Commissioner Clites seconded the motion; vote 7-0.**

**5. HDP-2015-0946  
1603 Singleton Avenue  
Council District 1**

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1910 house.  
Applicant: Alicia Moore  
City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454  
Staff Recommendation: Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

**MOTION: Approve the application in accordance with the staff recommendation, per passage of the consent agenda on a motion by Commissioner Panju. Commissioner Clites seconded the motion; vote 7-0.**

**6. HDP-2015-0976  
2604 Woodmont Avenue  
Council District 1**

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1938 house.  
Applicant: Geneva Hardeman  
City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454  
Staff Recommendation: Postpone to December 14, 2015 to fully evaluate alternatives to demolition. If the Commission decides to release the permit, then staff recommends the completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

**MOTION: Postpone the public hearing to December 14, 2015 per passage of the consent agenda on a motion by Commissioner Trevino. Commissioner Panju seconded the motion; vote 7-0.**

**7. HDP-2015-1000  
2204 Holly Street  
Council District 1**

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1938 house.  
Applicant: Amy Westlake  
City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454  
Staff Recommendation: Release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

**MOTION: Approve the application in accordance with the staff recommendation, per passage of the consent agenda on a motion by Commissioner Panju. Commissioner Clites seconded the motion; vote 7-0.**

**8. HDP-2015-1001  
2205 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
WITHDRAWN BY STAFF – NO ACTION REQUIRED**

9. **HDP-2015-1006**  
**1603 Willow Street**  
**Council District 1**  
Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1902 house.  
Applicant: Jeff Blatt  
City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454  
Staff Recommendation: Postpone to December 14, 2015 to full evaluate alternatives to total demolition. If, however, the Commission decides to release the permit now, then staff recommends the completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

**MOTION: Postpone the public hearing to December 14, 2015 per passage of the consent agenda on a motion by Commissioner Trevino. Commissioner Panju seconded the motion; vote 7-0.**

10. **HDP-2015-1008**  
**1209½ Willow Street**  
**Council District 1**  
Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1910 house.  
Applicant: Robert Abbott  
City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454  
Staff Recommendation: Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

**MOTION: Approve the application in accordance with the staff recommendation, per passage of the consent agenda on a motion by Commissioner Panju. Commissioner Clites seconded the motion; vote 7-0.**

11. **HDP-2015-1016**  
**608 W. St. Johns Avenue**  
**Council District 1**  
Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1946  
Applicant: Todd Bennett  
City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454  
Staff Recommendation: Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

**MOTION: Approve the application in accordance with the staff recommendation, per passage of the consent agenda on a motion by Commissioner Panju. Commissioner Clites seconded the motion; vote 7-0.**

12. **HDP-2015-1018**  
**1507 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Council District 1**  
Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1949 house.  
Applicant: Susan Williams  
City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454  
Staff Recommendation: Release the permit with a commitment from the applicant to erect an interpretive marker on the site commemorating the site as the home of Rev. S.L. Davis.



**MOTION:** Approve the application in accordance with the staff recommendation, per passage of the consent agenda on a motion by Commissioner Panju. Commissioner Clites seconded the motion; vote 7-0.

**13. HDP-2015-1020**

**3409 Foothill Terrace**

**Council District 1**

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1954 house.

Applicant: Roost Custom Homes

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

Staff Recommendation: Encourage adaptive re-use and rehabilitation, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

**MOTION:** Approve the application in accordance with the staff recommendation, per passage of the consent agenda on a motion by Commissioner Panju. Commissioner Clites seconded the motion; vote 7-0.

**14. HDP-2015-1021**

**1208 Stobaugh Street**

**Council District 1**

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1947 house.

Applicant: Casa Rio Builders

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

Staff Recommendation: Encourage adaptive re-use and rehabilitation, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

Stephanie Wyatt spoke in support of demolition. Sheryl Sherman spoke in opposition to demolition.

**MOTION:** Close the public hearing on a motion by Commissioner Clites. Commissioner Papavasiliou seconded the motion; vote 7-0.

**MOTION:** Approve the application, in accordance with the staff recommendation of documentation package submittal, on a motion by Commissioner Whitworth. Commissioner Tollett seconded the motion; vote 7-0.

**E. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DEMOLITION BY NEGLECT CASES**

**1. DBN-2015-0001 – Sebron Sneed House, 1801 Nelms Drive**

Staff Note: Staff has met with the owner and architect regarding stabilization of the ruins, and they have submitted a plan for tuck pointing, stabilizing, and cleaning out the area around the ruins, which will be presented during the Commission's review of applications for Certificates of Appropriateness above.

**MOTION:** As part of the consent agenda, continue monitoring the case as the Certificate of Appropriateness was approved for stabilization of the ruins, and keep the case on the agenda until such time as the demolition by neglect

issues have been satisfactorily resolved, on a motion by Commissioner Trevino. Commissioner Panju seconded the motion; vote 7-0.

**F. APPLICATION FOR PARTIAL AD VALOREM TAX ABATEMENT FOR APPROVED REHABILITATION WORK IN A LOCALLY-DESIGNATED HISTORIC DISTRICT.**

No cases.

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Certificates of Appropriateness Review Committee**

No report

**B. Operations Committee**

No report

**C. Grants Committee**

**MOTION:** Support the Grant Committee's recommendation to approve ACVB Heritage grant application for flatwork at Neill-Cochran House on a motion by Commissioner Tollett. Commissioner Trevino seconded the motion. Vote 6-0, Commissioner Panju abstaining.

**D. Preservation Plan Committee**

No report

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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