HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
Monday, November 18, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting
Council Chambers, Austin City Hall
301 W. 2nd Street
Austin, Texas

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

_X__ Emily Reed, Chair
_X__ Kevin Koch
_X__ Beth Valenzuela, Vice Chair
 abs_ Kelly Little
_X__ Witt Featherston
 abs_ Terri Myers
_X__ Ben Heimsath
 abs_ Alex Papavasiliou
 abs_ Emily Hibbs
 X__ Blake Tollett
 abs_ Mathew Jacob

NOTES ON HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MEETINGS

a) The first speaker signed up for each side of a contested public hearing will be allowed up to 5 minutes to speak. Any further speakers will be allowed up to 3 minutes. The Commission does not allow for the donation of time. The applicant or their agent may have a rebuttal after the conclusion of testimony of up to 3 minutes. Speakers should not repeat the testimony previously given on any case.

b) Cases passed by the Commission on the consent agenda will not have a formal public hearing. If a citizen would like to speak on a case proposed for passage on the consent agenda, that person should make it known to the Chair of the Commission at the time of the reading of the consent agenda. Otherwise, the case will pass on consent, and there is no later recourse.

c) In cases involving the review of demolition or relocation permit applications, the Commission may initiate a historic zoning case to further study the evidence regarding the potential of the subject property for landmark designation. If the Commission initiates a historic zoning case, the Commission will review the case again at its next regularly scheduled meeting for a recommendation regarding historic zoning. There will be no new notification sent out by the City stating the next hearing date.

d) All public comments must be received by staff by 1 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Staff cannot forward public comments to commissioners after this time.

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 items not posted on the agenda

None.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A. October 28, 2019

MOTION: Approve items 1A, B3, B4, D4, D5, D6, E1, ad 5B on the consent agenda by Featherston, Valenzuela seconds. Vote: 7-0 (Hibbs, Jacob, Little, and Papavasiliou absent).
MOTION: Postpone items B1 & B2 to December 16, 2019 by Koch, Myers seconds. Vote: 7-0 (Hibbs, Jacob, Little, and Papavasiliou absent).

2. BRIEFINGS, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION
   A. Land Development Code Revision
      Speaker: LDC Team representative, City of Austin

      Speakers:
      Brent Lloyd
      Lee Simmons

      MOTION: Allow public comment with a maximum of two minutes per speaker by Reed, Valenzuela seconds. Vote: 6-0 (Featherston abstaining; Hibbs, Jacob, Little, and Papavasiliou absent).

      Speakers:
      Alyson McGee
      David Guarino
      Karen McGraw
      Jeff Jack
      Betsy Greenberg
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      MOTION: Close the public hearing by Heimsath, Tollett seconds. Vote: 8-0 (Jacob now present; Hibbs, Little, and Papavasiliou absent).

      MOTION: Formally adopt the November 18, 2019 Preservation Plan Committee recommendations by Koch, Reed seconds. Vote: 7-1 (Myers opposed, Hibbs, Little, and Papavasiliou absent).

      MOTION: In recognition that the current preservation incentive as it is titled does little for the goals of historic preservation and has caused confusion, the Historic Landmark Commission encourages that activities that promote historic preservation of buildings be incorporated into the “preservation incentive.” If the incentive remains the same, then the Commission recommends the name to be changed to make clear that the incentive is not a historic preservation incentive, by Heimsath, Featherston. Vote: 8-0 (Hibbs, Little, and Papavasiliou absent).

   B. Palm District Master Plan Proposal Briefing
      Speaker: Stevie Greathouse, Planning and Zoning Department

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS
   A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR HISTORIC ZONING, DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR HISTORIC DISTRICT ZONING, AND REQUESTS TO CONSIDER THE INITIATION OF A HISTORIC ZONING CASE
      None.

   B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS
      1. C14H-2007-0040 – Postponement request by applicant to December 16, 2019
Parrish-Fleming House, 1410 Northwood Road  
Council District 9  
Proposal: Install new windows.  
Applicant: John Robert Ball, owner  
City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454  
Committee Recommendation: Installing 6:6 windows is not appropriate. The windows have already been replaced.  
Staff Recommendation: Grant the postponement request.

MOTION: Grant the postponement request by Koch, seconded by Myers, Vote: 7-0 (Jacob, Hibbs, Little, and Papavasiliou absent).

2. C14H-1979-0013 – Postponement request by applicant to December 16, 2019  
Green Pastures, 811 W. Live Oak Street  
Council District 9  
Proposal: Construct a new hotel building on the site.  
Applicant: Hannah LeHeup and George Wilcox, Clayton and Little, Architects  
City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation office, 974-6454  
Committee Recommendation: Make the design of the new building reference the historic building and the site; design the new building to have more of a residential character.  
Staff Recommendation: Grant the postponement request.

MOTION: Grant the postponement request by Koch, seconded by Myers, Vote: 7-0 (Jacob, Hibbs, Little, and Papavasiliou absent).

3. LHD-2019-0026 – Offered for consent approval  
1207 E. 9th Street  
Robertson/Stuart & Mair Historic District  
Council District 1  
Proposal: Construct a 2-story house.  
Applicant: Luciana Corwin  
City Staff: Cara Bertron, Historic Preservation Office, 974-1446  
Committee Recommendation: The committee was generally supportive of the plans. It recommended altering the roof pitch, second-story siding, and porch. The requested changes have been made.  
Staff Recommendation: Approve the project.

MOTION: Approve item B3 on the consent agenda by Featherston, Valenzuela seconds. Vote: 7-0 (Hibbs, Jacob, Little, and Papavasiliou absent).

4. C14H-2006-0015 – Offered for consent approval  
Herblin-Shoe House, 712 W. 16th Street  
Proposal: Install a glass railing at the second-story balcony.  
Applicant: Carl McClendon  
City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454  
Committee Recommendation: Approve as proposed.  
Staff Recommendation: Approve as proposed.

MOTION: Approve item B4 on the consent agenda by Featherston, Valenzuela seconds. Vote: 7-0 (Hibbs, Jacob, Little, and Papavasiliou absent).
C. REVIEW OF PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
None.

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

1. HDP-2019-0517 – Discussion
1911 Robbins Place
Council District 9
Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1934 house.
Applicant: Luis Carrillo
City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454
Staff Recommendation: Strongly encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

Speakers in favor:
Luis Carrillo

No speakers in opposition.

MOTION: Close the public hearing by Heimsath, Jacob seconds. Vote: 8-0 (Hibbs, Little, and Papavasiliou absent).

MOTION: Strongly encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package by Heimsath, Valenzuela seconds. Vote: 8-0 (Hibbs, Little, and Papavasiliou absent).

2. HDP-2019-0534 – Discussion
3303 Southill Circle
Council District 10
Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1963 house.
Applicant: Southwest Destructors
City Staff: Kalan Contreras, Historic Preservation Office, 974-2727
Staff Recommendation: Consider initiation of historic zoning based on architecture and historical association with John Coyle White. Should the Commission choose to release the demolition permit, encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use or relocation, and require completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

Speakers in favor:
Ross Rathgeber

No speakers in opposition.

MOTION: Close the public hearing by Koch, Myers seconds. Vote: 8-0 (Hibbs, Little, and Papavasiliou absent).

MOTION: Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use or relocation, but release permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package by Koch, Myers seconds. Vote: 8-0 (Hibbs, Little, and Papavasiliou absent).

3. HDP-2019-0544 – Discussion
1208 E. Howard Lane
Council District 7
Proposal: Demolish a 19th century house, believed to be dating from the 1850s.
Applicant: Angelica Anderson, D.R. Horton Homes
City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, 974-6454
Staff Recommendation: Initiate historic zoning or postpone to December 16, 2019 to fully evaluate historical associations.

Speakers in favor:
Lauren Anderson

No speakers in opposition.

MOTION: Close the public hearing by Myers, Valenzuela seconds, Vote: 8-0 (Hibbs, Little, and Papavasiliou absent).

MOTION: Postpone the case to the December 16th meeting by Koch, Myers seconds. Vote: 8-0 (Hibbs, Little, and Papavasiliou absent).

4. HDP-2019-0574 – Offered for consent approval
700 Garner Avenue
Council District 5
Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1946 house.
Applicant: Greater Austin Builders, LLC
City Staff: Kalan Contreras, Historic Preservation Office, 974-2727
Staff Recommendation: Strongly encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, then relocation over demolition, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

MOTION: Approve item D4 on the consent agenda by Featherston, Valenzuela seconds. Vote: 7-0 (Hibbs, Jacob, Little, and Papavasiliou absent).

5. HDP-2019-0591 – Offered for consent approval
4600 Ridge Oak Drive
Council District 10
Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1966 house.
Applicant: Brian Dillard Architecture
City Staff: Cara Bertron, Historic Preservation Office, 974-1446
Staff Recommendation: Release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

MOTION: Approve item D5 on the consent agenda by Featherston, Valenzuela seconds. Vote: 7-0 (Hibbs, Jacob, Little, and Papavasiliou absent).

6. HDP-2019-0594 – Offered for consent approval
2949 E. 12th Street/1110 Summers Street
Council District 1
Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1946-1950 house and commercial structure.
Applicant: Carlos Jaimes
City Staff: Kalan Contreras, Historic Preservation Office, 974-2727
Staff Recommendation: Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, then relocation over demolition, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package for each building.
MOTION: Approve item D6 on the consent agenda by Featherston, Valenzuela seconds. Vote: 7-0 (Hibbs, Jacob, Little, and Papavasiliou absent).

E. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DEMOLITION BY NEGLECT CASES

1. DBN-2015-0001 – Sebron Sneed House, 1801 Nelms Drive – Offered for consent approval to maintain the case on the agenda
   No new updates.

MOTION: Approve item E1 on the consent agenda by Featherston, Valenzuela seconds. Vote: 7-0 (Hibbs, Jacob, Little, and Papavasiliou absent).

5. COMMISSION ITEMS

A. COMMITTEE REPORTS
   1. Certificate of Appropriateness Review Committee
   2. Operations Committee
   3. Grants Committee
   4. Preservation Plan Committee
      • Draft recommendation regarding Land Development Code revision

B. APPROVAL OF 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

MOTION: Approve item 5B on the consent agenda by Featherston, Valenzuela seconds. Vote: 7-0 (Hibbs, Jacob, Little, and Papavasiliou absent).

C. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION: Place the Dr. Hepcat house formerly located at 1608 E. 4th Street on the December 16th, 2019 agenda for consideration of historic zoning by Myers, Valenzuela seconds. Vote: 8-0 (Hibbs, Little, and Papavasiliou absent).

ADJOURNMENT on a motion by Reed, Heimsath seconds. Vote: 8-0 (Hibbs, Little, and Papavasiliou absent).

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For more information on the Historic Landmark Commission, please contact Steve Sadowsky, City Historic Preservation Officer, at 512-974-6454; Cara Bertron, Deputy Historic Preservation Officer, at 512-974-1446; Kalan Contreras, Senior Planner, at 512-974-2727; Andrew Rice, Historic Preservation Planner III, at 512-974-1686, or Angela Gaudette, Historic Preservation Planner II, at 512-974-3393.