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Richmond Historical Commission Special Meeting Minutes

600 Morton Street

City Commission Room

Richmond, Texas 77469

Tuesday, September 4, 2018, at 8:00 A.M.

RICHMOND HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

The Richmond Historical Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas, met in a special meeting on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. Cindy Drabek, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

Karen Bleil
Cindy Drabek
Becky Haas
Lonnie Meadows
Claire Rogers
Jess Stuart

Staff in attendance: Jessica Duet, Planning Director/Historic Preservation Officer; Gary Smith, City Attorney; Lori Bownds, Building Official; Jose Abraham, Planner II, and Jordan Adams, GIS Specialist.

Chairperson Cindy Drabek declared the meeting open.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item number A2., public comment. She asked if there were any public comments. Hearing no public comment the agenda item was closed.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item B1. and B2., review and approve minutes from August 21, 2018, and announce the next Richmond Historical Commission meeting on September 18, 2018. Commissioner Haas motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Meadows seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C1a., Downtown Richmond Updates. Commissioner Haas reported everything is going fine in downtown Richmond.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C2a., discussion and action on a Certificate of Appropriateness to paint the structure located at 309 Morton Street. The Historic Preservation Officer, Ms. Jessica Duet, recommended approval of this Certificate of Appropriateness to paint the wood building façade "sage" (Sherwin Williams 2860) and the brick building façade "colonial revival green stone" (Sherwin Williams 2826). Commissioner Haas motioned to recommend approval with the Historic Preservations Officer's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bleil. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C3., discussion on the "Old Theater" property and update on Certificate of Appropriateness to demolish the structure located at 211 Calhoun Street. Ms. Jessica Duet, Historic Preservation Officer, stated she had spoken with the property owner's contractor. She told the contractor the demolition permit for 211 Calhoun Street was approved conditional on the property owner bringing property development plans to the Richmond Historical Commission. The contractor stated he would relay the message to his client. The contractor nor the property owner for 211 Calhoun or the "Old Theater" property were not in attendance at the meeting. Commissioner Meadows expressed concern if the property at 211 Calhoun were demolished over the weekend. He wanted to know what would be the recourse. The Building Official, Mrs. Lori Bownds, stated there would be no recourse. Chairperson Drabek stated she had driven by 211 Calhoun before the meeting. She observed the grass on the property was "waist high". It was acknowledge by the Commission the property had been sited previously for high grass by Code Enforcement. Commissioner Haas stated the building located at 211 Calhoun does hide the tall grass located in the court yard for the property owner. Chairperson Drabek stated she wanted the Historic Preservation Officer to reach out to the property owner to discuss the condition of approval for the demolition permit. The Historic Preservation Officer stated she would contact the property owner as directed by the Richmond Historical Commission. The discussion item was concluded.

There being no further business to be brought before the Richmond Historical Commission, Commissioner Meadows motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Commissioner Haas seconded and the Richmond Historical Commission was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Approved:



Cindy Drabek, Richmond Historical Commission Chair