



**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
GRANTS COMMITTEE
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2013– 5:00 P.M.
ROOM 525, ONE TEXAS CENTER
505 BARTON SPRINGS ROAD
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

<u>X</u> <i>Dan Leary, Chair</i>	<u>AB</u>	<i>Andrea Roberts</i>
<u>X</u> <i>Mary Jo Galindo</i>	<u>X</u>	<i>Terri Myers (alternate)</i>
<u>AB</u> <i>Laurie Limbacher (ex-officio)</i>		

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

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.

No speakers.

2. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR ACVB HERITAGE GRANTS

A. St. Edward's University, 3001 South Congress Avenue

Proposal: Restore the main entry porch of Holy Cross Hall.

Amount requested: \$4,500

The Austin Convention and Visitors' Bureau recommends a grant in the full amount requested of \$4,500. The case should be put on the next HLC Certificate of Appropriateness Review Committee and HLC agenda for approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness to do the proposed work.

Motion: Recommend approval of a grant in the amount of \$4,500 for the restoration of the main entry porch of Holy Cross Hall with the proviso that the applicant obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic Landmark Commission for the proposed project.

Vote: 3-0.

B. Paramount Theater, 713 Congress Avenue

Proposal: Façade restoration.

Amount requested: \$47,000

The applicant proposes restoration of the façade brick and stone. The Austin Convention and Visitors' Bureau recommends a grant in the full amount requested of \$47,000. Commissioner Galindo requested that the applicant ensure that any replacement brick match the existing brick. The case will be put on the next HLC Certificate of Appropriateness Review Committee and HLC agenda for approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness to do the proposed work.

Motion: Recommend approval of a grant in the amount of \$47,000 for the façade restoration project at the Paramount Theater, 713 Congress Avenue, with the proviso that the applicant obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic Landmark Commission for the proposed project.

Vote: 3-0.

C. State Theater, 719 Congress Avenue

Proposal: Restore the neon blade sign.

Amount requested: \$47,000

The application proposes to restore the existing neon blade sign. Commissioner Leary asked that the applicant determine the original colors of the neon sign, and that the applicant get a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic Landmark Commission for the project. The Austin Convention and Visitors' Bureau recommends a grant in the full amount requested of \$47,000.

Motion: Recommend approval of a grant in the amount of \$47,000 for restoration of the neon blade sign at the State Theater, 719 Congress Avenue, with the proviso that the applicant obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic Landmark Commission and make their best effort to determine the original colors of the neon sign.

Vote: 3-0.

D. Mayfield Park, City of Austin, 3505 W. 35th Street

Proposal: Restore the garden sheds by cleaning and replacing damaged or rotten wood siding, re-glazing windows, repairing window and door frames, and improving drainage.

Amount requested: \$30,540.

The Austin Convention and Visitors' Bureau does not recommend this grant application at this time, although the proposal is sound. The Commission heard that the City of Austin already has an outstanding grant for the Swedish cabin in Zilker Park, dating from September, 2011, and work has not yet commenced on that project. The Committee felt that the City needs to get work completed on previous grant-funded projects before receiving a grant for a new project.

Motion: Recommend denial of the grant application at this time.

Vote: 3-0.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

B. ITEMS FROM STAFF

ADJOURNMENT

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