



HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
Monday, April 13, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.
SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING
Room 325, One Texas Center
505 Barton Springs Road
Austin, Texas

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

____ *Laurie Limbacher, Chair*
____ *Andrea Roberts*
____ *Dan Leary*
____ *Mary Jo Galindo*

____ *John Rosato, Vice-Chair*
____ *Leslie Wolfenden Guidry*
____ *Terri Myers*

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

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.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

III. BRIEFINGS

None

IV. 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

No cases

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

No cases

C. REVIEW OF PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS

No cases

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

1. HDP-2015-0103

4104 Ramsey Avenue

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1939-1940 house

Applicant: DAR Construction

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

Staff Recommendation: Release the permit.

MOTION: Approve the application in accordance with the staff recommendation, per passage of the consent agenda, on a motion by Commissioner Roberts. Commissioner Galindo seconded the motion; vote 5-0.

2. HDP-2015-0104

2000 Sharon Lane

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1938 house.

Applicant: DAR Construction

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

Staff Recommendation: Encourage rehabilitation and re-use if feasible; otherwise, release the permit upon the 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 Roberts. Commissioner Galindo seconded the motion; vote 5-0.

3. HDP-2015-0198

1901 Exposition Boulevard

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1939 house.

Applicant: David Barnes

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 Roberts. Commissioner Galindo seconded the motion; vote 5-0.

4. HDP-2015-0201

903 Shoal Cliff Court

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1923 house.

Applicant: Lincoln Ventures, LLC

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

Staff Recommendation: Initiate historic zoning on this house associated with William Splawn, a president of UT and later member of the ICC, who was prominent in the drafting of the Securities and Exchange Act, as well as with Clyde Littlefield, nationally-known UT track coach and founder of the Texas Relays.

Mike McHone spoke in objection to historic zoning. There were no speakers in support of historic zoning. The public hearing was closed on a motion by Commissioner Leary. Commissioner Galindo seconded the motion; vote 5-0.

MOTION: Initiate historic zoning, to be discussed at the May 18, 2015 hearing, on a motion by Commissioner Leary. Commissioner Wolfenden seconded the motion; vote 5-0.

5. HDP-2015-0202

901 Shoal Cliff Court

Proposal: Demolish a ca. 1923 house.

Applicant: Lincoln Ventures, LLC

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

Staff Recommendation: Encourage rehabilitation and re-use if feasible; otherwise, 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 Roberts. Commissioner Galindo seconded the motion; vote 5-0.

V. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS – BUILDINGS WHICH HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO BE IN NEED OF TAX RELIEF TO ENCOURAGE THEIR PRESERVATION

- 1. Applications for ad valorem property tax exemptions recommended for approval,**
See attached list.

MOTION: Approve the ad valorem property tax exemptions listed for 2015, per passage of the consent agenda, on a motion by Commissioner Roberts. Commissioner Galindo seconded the motion; vote 5-0.

- 2. Applications for ad valorem property tax exemptions recommended for denial.**
See attached list.

MOTION: Postpone select cases (C14H-1974-0043, C14H-1976-0013, C14H-1978-0048, C14H-1984-0012, C14H-2006-0040) to April 27, 2015, per staff recommendation, on a motion by Commissioner Leary. Commissioner Galindo seconded the motion; vote 5-0.

Harold Nowak spoke in opposition to denial of ad valorem tax exemptions for the Sauter-Alley House (C14H-1982-0018). There were no speakers in support. The public hearing was closed on a motion by Commissioner Galindo. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion; vote 5-0.

MOTION: Postpone the public hearing to allow for a secondary inspection by staff, to ensure compliance by applicant, on a motion by Commissioner Galindo. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion; vote 5-0.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

MOTION: Postpone committee reports to April 27, 2015, per passage of the consent agenda, on a motion by Commissioner Roberts. Commissioner Galindo seconded the motion; vote 5-0.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

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

ADJOURNMENT

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For more information on the Historic Landmark Commission, please contact Steve Sadowsky, City Historic Preservation Officer, at 512-974-6454, or Beth Johnson, Deputy Historic Preservation Officer, at 512-974-7801.