



HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
June 6, 2016 - 6:00pm
SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING
WORK SESSION
Room 500, One Texas Center
505 Barton Springs Road
Austin, Texas

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Madeline Clites</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Alex Papavasiliou</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Mary Jo Galindo</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Emily Reed</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Terri Myers</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Blake Tollett</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Tiffany Osburn</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Michelle Trevino</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Arif Panju</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>David Whitworth</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Beth Valenzuela</i>		

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: The Historic Landmark Commission of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 6:17 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.

There was no citizen communication.

2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROGRAMS, PROCESSES, and POLICIES OF THE HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION

City staff introduced the agenda for the June 9, 2016 work session and allowed Commissioners to clarify their positions as members of the HLC.

3. NEW BUSINESS

Staff spoke to address consistent judgment based on the codified review process and to request that Commissioners introduce discussion topics to bring to Committees.

Commissioner Reed requested information on the City of Austin's timeline for filling the deputy preservation officer position. The commissioner inquired about drafting a resolution of support for to encourage Council to create additional positions. Commissioner Trevino spoke to encourage outreach.

Commissioner Myers inquired about whether the extensive amount of research done by staff for each case was required for initial hearings.

Commissioner Clites suggested a resolution of support for further historic inventory and context surveys.

Commissioner Reed suggested the possibility that integrity evaluation be the first step in staff research in order to save time in order to focus on higher preservation priorities.

Staff spoke to address the referral of all East Austin demolition applications to the Commission.

Commissioners Reed and Trevino discussed the benefits and difficulties of National Register listing as a theoretical and concrete prerequisite for local historic zoning.

Commissioner Trevino discussed the improvement of organization and efficiency in public hearings.

Commissioners Panju and Myers discussed the improvement of community outreach in the preservation program and incentivizing preservation at the homeowner and community levels, e.g. “paint-bucket” grants for homeowners.

Staff suggested that incentives, education, and outreach be part of a separate Committee.

Commissioners Myers, Panju, and Papavasiliou discussed utilization of more flexible tools for preservation, and including criteria justifications on the dais after a vote is called.

Commissioner Trevino suggested discussion of the definition and consideration of the community value criterion when evaluating the context of a possible historic district.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Commission discussed the formation of a Committee for education, outreach, and incentives. Commissioner Trevino volunteered as meeting chair.

MOTION: Establish a committee for implementation of outreach, incentives, and education with a minimum of three members, scheduled to meet as needed on a motion by Commissioner Myers. Commissioner Panju seconded the motion and requested that his prior request for outreach be included in the motion. Commissioners Valenzuela, Myers, Papavasiliou, and Panju volunteered as committee members. Vote: 7-0-4; Commissioners Clites, Galindo, Whitworth, and Osburn absent.

The Commission discussed the possibility of another work session, as well as improving meeting efficiency and requesting city legal support.

ADJOURNMENT : 9:00 p.m.

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