



**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
PRESERVATION PLAN COMMITTEE
Tuesday, March 8, 2022 – 11:00 A.M.
Street-Jones Building, Room 400A
1000 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas**

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

 X Beth Valenzuela, Chair
 X Ben Heimsath

 X Terri Myers

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Paula Kothmann spoke on property tax increases in the Travis Heights National Register district and the need for tax relief for historic properties.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 5, 2022

MOTION: Approve the January 5, 2022 minutes, by Heimsath, Myers seconds. Vote: 3-0.

2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Updates to boards and commissions

- Staff have updates scheduled at multiple boards and commissions
- Updates to Council are also needed, as a reminder of the process and key topics under discussion

B. Discussion of previous and upcoming Preservation Plan Working Group meetings:

1. February 10, 2022: Incentives

- Discussion of brief and themes
- State law and budget cap for municipalities
- Important to consider return on investment
- Important to consider heritage tourism

2. March 10, 2022: Processes and fees

- Recommended changes to graphics in brief when revised for draft plan:
 - “Requires commission approval” rather than “Not eligible for administrative approval” on first page
 - List Planning Commission and Zoning & Platting Commission, rather than land use commissions on p. 6

- Partial demolitions like Hut's need review
- Code compliance will be discussed next month
- Zoning is out of scale with historic properties in certain areas
- Fees should not be charged for historic districts
- Staff should review prior audits and reports, including Office of the City Auditor 2017 Audit Report and Heritage Society of Austin Operations Committee recommendations

Commissioner Heimsath departs.

- C. Scope of work and responsibilities for Phase 2—community engagement
- D. Budget request for FY 2023
 - Background materials were unavailable for viewing due to technical difficulties
 - Committee members indicated willingness to meet again prior to Historic Landmark Commission meeting

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting by Myers, Valenzuela seconds. Vote: 2-0.

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