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Richmond Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

City Commission Room | 600 Morton Street, Richmond, Texas 77469

Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at 8:00 am.

The Richmond Historical Commission met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. Cindy Drabek, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and a quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

Karen Bleil
Cindy Drabek
Lonnie Meadows
Becky Haas
Claire Rogers

Staff in attendance: Jose Abraham, *Planning Director/Historic Preservation Officer*; Gary Smith, *City Attorney*; Howard Christian, *Assistant City Manager*; Christine Cappel, *Public Works Administrative Manager*; Cameron Goodman, *Economic Development Director*; 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 consent agenda items B1. - Review and approve minutes from December 18, 2018 regular meeting; and B2. - Announce the next Richmond Historical Commission meeting to be held on February 19, 2019. Commission member Meadows moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commission member Bleil seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C1a., Downtown Richmond Updates. Commission member Haas reported the following updates:

- Boutique Crawl: A popular event scheduled for January 19, 2019
- Richmond Merchants advertisement in *Absolutely Brazos Community Magazine*.
- No significant changes to the buildings in downtown.
- No renovation has been done to the Old Theatre building.
- Pink Owl Studios (photography) opened at 300 Morton, Ste. 100.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C1b., Community and Museum Events, and

Commission member Rogers reported general updates on the following events:

- Lamar Day Celebration at Morton Cemetery: January 25, 2019 at 10:30 am;
- Fort Bend History Association Annual Meeting at Fort Bend Museum: January 31, 2019 at 6:00 pm;
- Exhibit opening at Fort Bend Museum honoring African-American churches in Fort Bend County: February 2, 2019 at 3 pm;
- George Ranch Rodeo (*Honoring African-American cowboys who worked at the ranch*): February 16, 2019 at George Ranch
- Men who Cook by LEAF: February 16, 2019
- Fort Bend Historical Commission Meeting at Gus George Academy: February 19, 2019 at 3 pm.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C2a., Update on conditionally approved Certificate of Appropriateness for Buena Vista Mexican Restaurant located at 100 Liberty Street. Mr. Abraham, Historic Preservation Officer (HPO), indicated that the applicant has revised the sign design that was conditionally approved to meet the Historic District Design Standards. Mr. Abraham presented the revised drawing which showed that the logo was removed to limit the proposed sign to three colors. Chairperson Drabek asked if a general discussion about logos with more than three colors is needed. Mr. Abraham indicated that based on inputs from the Richmond Historical Commission at the November regular meeting, staff is working on possibly revising the Historic District Guidelines to allow for multi-color logos limited to a certain percentage of the total sign area.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C2b., Downtown Mural Project. Mr. Goodman, Economic Development Director provided an update on the Downtown Mural Project and indicated the project is part of the Development Corporation of Richmond's initiative to brand downtown Richmond as a historic destination. He stated that the project will include a signature mural that will highlight Richmond's history and culture within one image. He added that the initial idea is to include images of landmarks and key personalities within "Richmond" block letters on vinyl or parachute cloth attached to the building. In responding to questions from the Chairperson and Commission member Meadows, Mr. Goodman stated that the mural is intended to be in the downtown area and that two property owners have shown interest in installing the mural on their buildings.

Commission member Rogers indicated that the mural project would open the door to requests for other murals by private entities, and that it is important to have guidelines for such requests. Commission member Haas inquired about the status on the adoption of Mural guidelines. In response Mr. Abraham stated that a revised draft will be presented to the Richmond Historical Commission at the February meeting. Commission member Haas asked about the proposed changes, to which, Mr. Smith, City Attorney indicated that there is range of suggestions from the City Commission and that staff is working on the changes.

Chairperson Drabek mentioned that she will present the Richmond Historical Commission quarterly update to the City Commission at the January 22, 2019 regular meeting.

There being no further business to be brought before the Richmond Historical Commission, Chairperson Drabek adjourned the meeting.

Approved

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cindy Drabek". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

Cindy Drabek, Richmond Historical Commission Chair