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Richmond Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

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

Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at 8:00 am.

The Richmond Historical Commission met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. Cindy Drabek, Chairperson, called the meeting to order. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

Cindy Drabek Karen Bliel Jess Stuart Lonnie Meadows Clair Rogers

Staff in attendance: Jose Abraham, Historic Preservation Officer (HPO); Mason Garcia, Associate Planner; Jamie Walker, Public Works Executive Secretary; Gary Smith, City Attorney; Lori Bownds, Building Official; Howard Christian, Assistant City Manager.

Chairperson Cindy Drabek declared the meeting open.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item number A2., Public comments. 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 August 18, 2020 regular meeting; and B2. - Announce the next Richmond Historical Commission meeting to be held on October 20, 2020. Commission member Meadows moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commission member Bliel seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C1a., Community and Museum Events Update.

- Music at the Moore Home will take place the third Thursday of every month;
- Ghost Tours on Friday evenings;
- Ghost Tours of Historic Richmond on Saturday evenings;
- October 31: Paranormal Group will give a tour of the house: Sign up required;
- Museum and the Park are open Thursday through Saturday.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C2., Staff Update on development related activities within Historic District. Jose Abraham, Historic Preservation Officer (HPO), discussed the Old Theater building and indicated that a Certificate of Appropriateness was issued recently for

exterior façade improvement. According to Mr. Abraham, the exterior limestone work on the first floor is complete and the next phase will be the windows and the entrance door; followed by preparing and fixing the stucco on the 2nd floor. He concluded by mentioning that some delay in installation of the doors and windows is expected, based on information provided by the property owner.

Mr. Abraham discussed the old Fire Station and indicated a resubmittal on the project was received which provided specifications for the proposed color. He confirmed that all the proposed colors are from the approved palette in the Historic District Guidelines. He added that staff has completed the review and outstanding comments have been communicated to the architect. Commission member Stuart inquired as to whether the Old Fire Station was going to be a brewery. Mr. Abraham indicated there were discussions regarding this, but no final decisions have been made. Chairperson Drabek asked for clarification about specific colors and samples provide on the drawings and renderings. The staff update concluded with Mr. Abraham and Chairperson Drabek discussing the specific colors and material proposed for the roof of the old Fire Station building.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C3., Consider agenda item requests by Commission Members for October 20, 2020. No requests or suggestions were provided.

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

Approved

Cindy Drawek, Richmond Historical Commission Chair