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## Richmond Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

City Commission Room (In Person and Zoom)

600 Morton Street, Richmond, Texas 77469

**Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 8:00 a.m.**

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The Richmond Historical Commission met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 8:02 a.m. Vice-Chair Meadows, called the meeting to order. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

Lonnie Meadows (Vice-Chair)  
Carol Edwards  
Jess Stuart  
Claire Rogers

Staff in attendance: Jose Abraham, *Historic Preservation Officer (HPO)*; Brittany Mullings, *Public Works Executive Secretary*; Gary Smith, *City Attorney*; and Lori Bownds, *Building Official*.

Elected Officials in attendance: Mayor Rebecca K. Haas.

Vice-Chair Meadows declared the meeting open.

Vice-Chair Meadows introduced agenda item number A2., Recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and Texas Flag. Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and Texas Flag was recited.

Vice-Chair Meadows introduced agenda item number A3., Public comments. He asked if there were any public comments. Hearing no public comment, the agenda item was closed.

Vice-Chair Meadows introduced consent agenda items B1-B2.

B1. Review and approve minutes from June 15, 2021, regular meeting.

B2. Announce the next Richmond Historical Commission meeting to be held on July 20, 2021.

Commission member Rogers moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commission member Edwards seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Vice-Chair Meadows introduced regular agenda item C1a., Community and Museum Events Update. Commission member Rogers provided the following updates:

- Fort Bend Museum has the Sunset Music Series, on June 17, 2021, at The Moore House. The band will be the Guitarist Frank Matta III.
- The Fort Bend Museum is reopening on July 17, 2021. Free admission.
- There will be a ticketed gala event that will take place on July 15, 2021.
- Movies at Wessendorff will be on July 2, 2021.

- HRA is planning Motown on Morton, the date is to be determined.

Vice-Chair Meadows introduced regular agenda item C2., Certificate of Appropriateness for proposed removal and filling of a bomb shelter located at 211 Houston Street. Mr. Abraham explained that the applicant is proposing the removal and filling of a bomb shelter. He added that the bomb shelter is flooded and can potentially damage the building on the subject site. Mr. Abraham indicated that the subject site is not located within the Historic Overlay District. He explained that staff is seeking guidance and input regarding the proposed demolition. Commission member Rogers indicated that she discussed the matter with three specialists: Paul Spana: *Exhibits Manager for Space Center, Houston*; Randal Glenn, *Chair of the Cultural Resources Committee of the FBC Historical Commission*; and Morgan Howard who is currently helping Randal Glenn. She explained that the bomb shelter was not architecturally significant and did not represent significant cultural value in terms of Historic Preservation. However, she indicated that photographic documentation of the shelter and archiving would be beneficial. Mayor Haas indicated that she had the opportunity to get inside the shelter and briefly explained how it is built. There was a general discussion amidst Commission members and Mayor Haas about when the shelter was built. Vice-Chair Meadows moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness with a condition that the Bomb shelter shall be documented photographically with key dimensions noted for a good understanding of the scale and the applicant shall provide all documentation to the Historic Preservation Officer prior to removal of the bomb Shelter. Commission member Edwards seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Vice-Chair Meadows introduced regular agenda item C3., General discussion on past Ordinance No. 2012-06, Richmond Historic Commission & Overlay District Ordinance, which was substantially codified in the Unified Development Code (UDC). Mr. Abraham explained Ordinance No. 2013-12 governed the Richmond Historical Commission (RHC) and the Historic Overlay District related provisions, processes, and requirements prior to the Unified Development Code (UDC). He indicated that the UDC substantially codified Ordinance No. 2013-12, however, indicated that staff noted some differences between the UDC and the Ordinance. Following a general discussion about the similarities and minor differences, the agenda item was closed.

Vice-Chair Meadows introduced regular agenda item C4., Consider agenda item request by Commission Members for July 20, 2021, regular meeting. No request was presented.

Vice-Chair Meadows introduced regular agenda item C5., Excuse from attendance at regular Richmond Historical Commission Meeting. Mr. Abraham, HPO indicate that Chair Bleil was not able to attend the meeting due to work conflict. Vice-Chair Meadows moved to excuse Chair Bleil's absence. Commission member Edwards seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

There being no further business to be brought before the Richmond Historical Commission, Vice-Chair Meadows, adjourned the meeting.

Approved



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Lonnie Meadows, Vice Chair  
Richmond Historical Commission