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Richmond Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

City Commission Room (In Person and Zoom) 600 Morton Street, Richmond, Texas 77469

Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 8:00 a.m.

The Richmond Historical Commission met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 8:00 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*.

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 August 17, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

Commission member Edwards moved to approve the minutes. Vice-Chair Meadows seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

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

- The Fort Bend Museum had their Grand Re-opening on July 17, 2021. Free admission.
- The next meeting for the Fort Bend Historical Commission is August 17, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Vice-Chair Meadows introduced agenda item C2., Certificate of appropriateness for potential exterior maintenance and repair for 603 Calhoun St (Old Sunset Saloon). Mr. Abraham explained

the City has received a Building Permit Application for a proposed meadery at this location. He explained that the submitted plans did not indicate any exterior improvements to the building. He added that the submittal included an Engineer's report stating that the building is structurally stable to support the proposed use. He also explained the report includes pictures showing deterioration on the building exterior which needs repairs to avoid further deterioration. Commission member Edwards generally expressed her concerns about the overall safety considering the building to be very old and unused for a large period of time. She expressed her desire to hear from the Architect about the safety concerns. Mr. Abraham, HPO recommended discussing this item at the next meeting regular meeting. Commission member Edwards moved to consider the agenda item at the next meeting. Vice-Chair Meadows seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Vice-Chair Meadows introduced agenda item C3., Consider agenda item requests by Commission Members for August 17, 2021. No request was presented.

Vice-Chair Meadows introduced agenda item C4., Excuse from attendance at regular Richmond Historical Commission Meeting. Mr. Abraham stated that Chairperson Bleil has resigned from her role due to work related conflicts.

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

Approved

Lonnie Meadows, Vice-Chair

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