



City of Richmond

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Richmond Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

City Commission Room (In-Person and Zoom)

600 Morton Street, Richmond, Texas 77469

Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

The Richmond Historical Commission met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. Chairperson Edwards, called the meeting to order. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

Carol Edwards - Chair
Lonnie Meadows - Vice-Chair
Jackie Atkinson
Payton McGee
Gary Gillen
David Smith
Jess Stuart
Claire Rogers

Staff in attendance: Jose Abraham, Historic Preservation Officer (HPO); Oanh Nguyen, Planner II; Christian Togmus, Planner I; Lori Bownds, Building Official; Brittany Mullings, Public Works Executive Secretary.

Chairperson Edwards declared the meeting open.

Chairperson Edwards 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.

Chairperson Edwards introduced agenda item number A3., Public comments. She asked if there were any public comments. Hearing no public comment, the agenda item was closed.

Chairperson Edwards introduced consent agenda items B1-B2.

- B1. Review and approve minutes from January 18, 2022, regular meeting.
- B2. Announce the next Richmond Historical Commission meeting to be held on March 15, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

Vice-Chair Meadows moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gillen. The vote for approval was unanimous.

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

- Fort Bend County Historical Commission will be having a meeting on February 15, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. at the Gus George Academy in Patton Hall.
- Fort Bend Archeological Society will be meeting on February 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fort Bend Museum.
- The State of the City – Rosenberg will be held on February 17, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. at the Rosenberg Civic Center.
- The LEAF - Men Who Cook event will be held on February 19, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at Safari Texas.
- The George Ranch Rodeo will be held on February 19, 2022, at George Ranch Historical Park.
- The Fort Bend Museum is starting a Diversity Lecture Series that will be held on the first Thursday of the month. The first lecture will be on March 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
- Richmond Farmer's Market will be on March 4, 2022, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- The Art Walk and Motor Madness event will be held on April 2, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the event will be located on Morton Street in Downtown Richmond.

Chairperson Edwards introduced regular agenda item C2., Certificate of appropriateness for the proposed Mercy Goods mural at 501 Morton Street.

C2a. Public hearing to receive comments for or against a proposed 49' x 11' mural to be painted on the rear wall of the Mercy Goods building located at 501 Morton Street. Chairperson Edwards opened the public hearing on this agenda item. With no one present, the public hearing was closed.

C2b. Consideration of the approval of the final report to City Commission on agenda item C2a., above. Mr. Abraham explained the project details to the Commission and that Staff has not received color swatches for the mural being proposed. Additionally, Staff has not received authorization from the building owner at this time. Staff recommended that the Richmond Historical Commission forward a recommendation of approval to the City Commission conditioned upon providing an authorization letter from the building owner and the applicant provides staff with manufacturer color swatches pertaining to the proposed mural. Vice-Chair Meadows asked if there was a discussion with the applicant about the maintenance of the mural and how other murals in the city have held up. Mr. Abraham explained that the maintenance would be upon the applicant and if the business were to move to a different location, it would be the responsibility of the building owner. Additionally, he also explained that regular maintenance will hold the life of any mural. Commissioner Gillen requested that no action be taken on this item, the agenda item was closed.

Chairperson Edwards introduced regular agenda item C3., Consider agenda item request by Commission Members for March 15, 2022, regular meeting. Mr. Abraham explained a proposed Historic District handbook in addition to a proposed Historic District award program will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Commissioner Gillen proposed a general discussion on expanding the Historic District boundaries. Mr. Abraham also mentioned the next agenda will include three properties that have applied for the Historic District tax exemption – Darst Yoder House, Morton-McCloy and the Pearson-Winston home.

Chairperson Edwards introduced regular agenda item C4., Excuse from attendance at regular Richmond Historical Commission Meeting. Commissioner Gillen explained he would be out of the county during the next meeting. Vice-Chair Meadows moved to approve Commissioner Gillen's absence. Commissioner McGee seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

There being no further business to be brought before the Richmond Historical Commission, Chairperson Edwards, adjourned the meeting at 8:26 a.m.

Approved



Carol Edwards, Chair
Richmond Historical Commission