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Richmond Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

City Commission Room (In-Person and Zoom)

600 Morton Street, Richmond, Texas 77469

Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

The Richmond Historical Commission met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 8:01 a.m. Chairperson Edwards, called the meeting to order. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

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

Staff in attendance: Jose Abraham, Historic Preservation Officer (HPO); Gary Smith, City Attorney; 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 March 15, 2022, regular meeting.
- B2. Announce the next Richmond Historical Commission meeting to be held on May 17, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

Commission Member Atkinson noted a correction to the minutes. She stated that the minutes did specify that she had abstained from voting and discussion on agenda item C6. Mr. Abraham acknowledged the error and indicated that the minutes shall be revised. Chairperson Edwards moved to approve the revised minutes and the vote for approval was unanimous.

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

- LCISD Rodeo Art Exhibit will be held from April 1 – May 7, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Fort Bend Archeological Society will be meeting today at 7:00 p.m. at the Fort Bend Museum.
- The Shrine Circus will be held at the Fort Bend County Fair Grounds on April 20 – April 24, 2022.
- Keep Richmond Beautiful/City of Richmond will be having their bi-annual Shred Event on April 23, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall.
- The Rosenberg Railroad Museum will be hosting their Annual Garden Gala called Stars & Stetsons on April 23, 2022, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Early voting for the May 7th election starts on April 25, 2022.
- The City of Rosenberg will be hosting its first city-wide garage sale on April 30, 2022.
- Blockhouse will be hosting its 6th Annual Block Party on May 1, 2022, from noon to 4:00 p.m.
- Fort Bend Museum will have Sheriff Eric Fagan speaking at their next Diversity Lecture Series on May 5, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
- The Richmond Farmers Market and Movie in Wessendorff park will be on May 6, 2022.
- The Through the Looking Glass Gala for the Child Advocates of Fort Bend on May 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.
- City of Richmond Economic Development Week will be on May 10 – May 14, 2022.
- The Fort Bend Historical Commission will have its 2nd quarterly meeting on May 17, 2022. Also, Bert E. Bleil Heritage Aware event will be held at the Fort Bend Museum at 3:00 p.m. The Heritage Award recipient this year is Michael R. Moore, Former executive director of the Fort Bend History Association.

Chairperson Edwards introduced regular agenda item C2., Certificate of appropriateness for proposed door and window replacement for the existing commercial building located at 200 E Hwy 90A. Mr. Abraham gave a brief overview of the project and introduced the applicant, Steve Host. Mr. Host mentioned the actual address of the property should be 200 W Hwy 90A. He stated that a potential tenant is proposing a to-go restaurant at this location, which is why he is proposing a façade improvement including exterior painting and door and window replacement. Mr. Host passed around a picture of the original building along with the original title for the property. He stated the proposed doors and windows are reflective of the original building design. He also clarified the scope of work for this application and indicated that additional applications pertaining to exterior and interior improvements will be submitted at a later stage. He also passed around the material samples for the proposed windows. Commission members and Mr. Host generally discussed the proposed improvement and other issues impacting the historic character of the area. Commission member Gillen indicated that the subject site is located at the entrance to the City and is critical to the visual character of the community. Mr. Host provided a brief explanation of the overall project and how it would add value to the historic district. Chairperson Edwards asked what the staff recommendation was. Mr. Abraham provided a recommendation of approval and

explained that similar projects have been approved in the past and that the proposed façade improvement generally aligns with the Historic District Design guidelines. Commission member Gillen moved to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed enlarged windows, new door, and paint colors. The motion was seconded by Commission member Meadows. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Chairperson Edwards introduced regular agenda item C3., Consider agenda item requests by Commission Members for May 17, 2022, regular meeting. No requests were presented.

Chairperson Edwards introduced regular agenda item C4., Excuse from attendance at regular Richmond Historical Commission Meeting. None to approve.

There being no further business to be brought before the Richmond Historical Commission, Chairperson Edwards, adjourned the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

Approved



Carol Edwards, Chair
Richmond Historical Commission