



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, March 21, 2023, at 8:00 a.m.

The Richmond Historical Commission met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. Vice-Chair Atkinson, called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

Jackie Atkinson – Vice-Chair
Lonnie Meadows
Gary Gillen
David Smith
Madeleine Calcote-Garcia

Staff in attendance: Mason Garcia, Historic Preservation Officer (HPO); Helen Landaverde, Planner II; Gary Smith, City Attorney; Scott Fajkus, Building Official; and Brittany Mullings, Public Works Executive Secretary.

Vice-Chair Atkinson declared the meeting open.

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

Vice-Chair Atkinson introduced consent agenda items B1-B2. B1. Review and approve minutes from February 21, 2023, regular meeting. B2. Announce the next Richmond Historical Commission meeting to be held on April 18, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. Commission Member Gillen moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commission Member Smith. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Vice-Chair Atkinson introduced regular agenda item C1a., Community and Museum Events Update.

- The Fort Bend History Association will be hosting their 32nd Annual Lone Star Stomp "Shooting for the Stars" on April 22, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the George Ranch Historical Park.
- The Art in the Bend event will be held on March 25, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the event will be located on Morton Street in Downtown Richmond.

Vice-Chair Atkinson introduced regular agenda item C2., Certificate of appropriateness for proposed building façade improvement at Morton St., commercial building located at 311 Morton Streets. Mr. Garcia, HPO, explained the applicant has proposed to touch up the façade the building to ensure the brick is a uniform color. However, the proposed paint does not fall within the approved color palette per the Richmond Historic District Design Guideline, but because the improvement is a maintenance issue, Staff does not see an issue in the proposed use of like paint for the façade. He concluded by indicating that Staff recommended approval of the façade improvement. Commission Member Smith moved to approve the Certificate of appropriateness for the façade improvement at 311 Morton Street. Commission Member Meadows seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Vice-Chair Atkinson introduced regular agenda item C3., Review and recommendation to the City Commission for a request for Historic Property Tax Exemption Application for Darst-Yoder House located at 300 S 9th Street for the year 2023. Mr. Garcia, HPO, presented the staff report and recommended approval of the application for a tax exemption of 25% and indicated that the application fulfilled all eligibility criteria. Commission Member Meadows moved to recommend approval of an exemption from ad valorem taxes imposed by the City in an amount not exceeding twenty-five percent (25%) of the assessed value of the Darst-Yoder House for the year 2023 to the City Commission. Commission Member Smith seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Vice-Chair Atkinson introduced regular agenda item C4., Review and recommendation to the City Commission for a request for Historic Property Tax Exemption Application for Morton-McCloy House located at 402 N 2nd Street for the year 2023. Mr. Garcia, HPO, presented the staff report and recommended approval of the application for a tax exemption of 25% and indicated that the application fulfilled all eligibility criteria. Commission Member Gillen moved to recommend approval of an exemption from ad valorem taxes imposed by the City in an amount not exceeding twenty-five percent (25%) of the assessed value of the Morton-McCloy House for the year 2023 to the City Commission. Commission Member Meadows seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Vice-Chair Atkinson introduced regular agenda item C5., Review and recommendation to the City Commission for a request for Historic Property Tax Exemption Application for Pearson-Winston House located at 404 S 9th Street for the year 2023. Vice-Chair Atkinson abstained from participation in discussion and voting due to a conflict of interest. Mr. Garcia, HPO, presented the Staff report and recommended approval of the application for a tax exemption of 25% and indicated that the application fulfilled all eligibility criteria. Commission Member Gillen moved to recommend approval of an exemption from ad valorem taxes imposed by the City in an amount not exceeding twenty-five percent (25%) of the assessed value of the Pearson-Winston House for the year 2023 to the City Commission. Commission Member Smith seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous and included abstention by Commission member Atkinson.

Vice-Chair Atkinson introduced regular agenda item C6., Consider agenda item request by Commission Members for April 18, 2023, regular meeting. Commission Member Gillen would like

for staff to do a presentation on Ordinance 2018-09. Mr. Garcia, HPO, gave an overview of Ordinance 2018-09 to the Commission.

Vice-Chair Atkinson introduced regular agenda item C7., Excuse from attendance at regular Richmond Historical Commission Meeting. Commission Member Stuart was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment. Vice-Chair Atkinson moved to approve Commission Member Stuart's absence. Commission Member Meadows seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

There being no further business to be brought before the Richmond Historical Commission, Vice-Chair Atkinson adjourned the meeting at 8:27 a.m.

Approved



Carol Edwards, Chair

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