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## Richmond Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

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

**Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 8:00 a.m.**

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The Richmond Historical Commission met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 8:02 a.m. Chairperson Edwards called the meeting to order. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

Carol Edwards - Chair  
Jackie Atkinson – Vice-Chair  
Lonnie Meadows  
Gary Gillen  
Jess Stuart  
David Smith

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.

Elected Officials in attendance: Mayor Rebecca K. Haas

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., Recognition of Service with the City of Richmond Historical Commission:

- a. Claire Rogers – Ex-Officio.

Chairperson Edwards introduced agenda item number A4., Public comments.

- Becky Haas (1716 Magnolia Ln., Richmond)  
She stated the County is taking the historical houses one by one, currently they have plans to construct a parking lot on Liberty Street between South Third and South Fourth Street. She asked the Commission to support her on opposing the County from taking anymore historical properties.

Chairperson Edwards introduced consent agenda items B1-B2. B1. Review and approve minutes from March 21, 2023, regular meeting. B2. Announce the next Richmond Historical Commission

meeting to be held on May 16, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. Commission Member Meadows moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commission Member Atkinson. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Chairperson Edwards introduced regular agenda item C1a., Community and Museum Events Update. There was no update given.

Chairperson Edwards introduced regular agenda item C2., Staff reports:

C2a. Staff update regarding Unified Development Code Text amendment to certain regulations and provisions within the OT, Olde Town district. Mr. Garcia (HPO) stated, Staff received multiple development proposals within the OT district pertaining to new residential development. Based on the development proposals and past project review experiences, a text amendment was taken to the Planning and Zoning Commission on March 6, 2023, and approved by the City Commission on March 20, 2023 (Ordinance No. 2023-05). The text amendment modified the Unified Development Code to allow Single Family Detached uses as a use by right. This ensures that new Single Family Residential Development can be constructed within the Olde Town district.

Chairperson Edwards introduced regular agenda item C3., Consider agenda item request by Commission Members for May 16, 2023, regular meeting. Early in the meeting Gary Gillen asked Mason to look into expanding the Historic District.

Chairperson Edwards introduced regular agenda item C4., Excuse from attendance at regular Richmond Historical Commission Meeting.

There being no further business to be brought before the Richmond Historical Commission, Chairperson Edwards adjourned the meeting at 8:23 a.m.

Approved



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Carol Edwards, Chair

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