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## **Richmond Historical Commission Meeting Minutes**

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

**Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 8:00 a.m.**

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The Richmond Historical Commission met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 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  
Jackie Atkinson – Vice-Chair  
Payton McGee  
Gary Gillen  
Lonnie Meadows  
Jess Stuart

Staff in attendance: Mason Garcia, Historic Preservation Officer (HPO); Matthew Roberts, Planner I; Gary Smith, City Attorney; Scott Fajkus, Building Official; and 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 comments, the agenda item was closed.

Chairperson Edwards introduced consent agenda items B1-B2.

- B1. Review and approve minutes from March 19, 2024, regular meeting. Commission Member Stuart moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commission Member Meadows. The vote for approval was unanimous.
- B2. Announce the next Richmond Historical Commission meeting to be held on May 21, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. All were in favor.

Chairperson Edwards introduced regular agenda item C1a., Community and Museum Events Update. None were discussed.

Chairperson Edwards introduced regular agenda item C2., Presentation on 10<sup>th</sup> Street Railroad Crossing. Mr. Garcia, HPO, gave a brief introduction on the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Railroad Crossing and introduced Fort Bend County Commissioner, Dexter McCoy and the Fort Bend County Engineering Department. Fort Bend County Commissioner, Dexter McCoy, gave a brief background on the importance of the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Extension Project. He explained his team explored many options of where the overpass could be located, their findings indicated the alignment with 10<sup>th</sup> Street Expansion Project and went over the details of how this area was chosen. He updated the Commission as to where the County is on the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Expansion Project. Commission Member Gillen asked if the County looked into Old Richmond Road. Commissioner McCoy indicated they did not. Commission Member Gillen expressed his concern on how this project will impact Downtown and the residents on the North Side Richmond. He asked if any traffic studies were done at Thompson Highway & Morton Street since 11<sup>th</sup> Street will become a dead end there will be no protected left turn until you get to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. He also indicated other concerns regarding traffic patterns and economics of downtown. He indicated he wrote letters to his County Commissioner, County Judge and the City Manager and to which a response was not provided. There was further discussion of concerns regarding community approval to which Commissioner McCoy provided explanations on how these items have been addressed. The Commissioner committed to an additional traffic study within the area and noted there may not be a change in the location of the overpass. Commissioner McCoy concluded his presentation by giving out his contact information. Email: [dexterlmc coy@FBCTX.gov](mailto:dexterlmc coy@FBCTX.gov) & Cell phone number: 281-725-2492.

Chairperson Edwards introduced regular agenda item C3., Certificate of Appropriateness for proposed exterior façade improvements at 301 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., commercial building located at 301 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Mason Garcia, HPO, presented the Commission with the façade improvement details. Staff recommended approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness. Commission Member Meadows moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the façade improvements at 301 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Vice-Chair Atkinson seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Chairperson Edwards introduced regular agenda item C4., Certificate of Appropriateness for proposed fence at S. 6th St., commercial building located at 310 S. 6th Street. Mr. Garcia, HPO, presented the Commission with the fence replacement details. Staff recommended approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness. Commission Member McGee moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed fence at 310 S. 6th Street. Vice-Chair Atkinson seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Chairperson Edwards introduced regular agenda item C5., Certificate of Appropriateness for proposed planter box installation 500 Jackson Street, lot located at 500 Jackson Street. Mr. Garcia, HPO, presented the Commission with the planter box installation details. Staff recommended approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness. Commission Member Meadows moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the planter box installation at 500 Jackson Street. Commission Member McGee seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Chairperson Edwards introduced regular agenda item C6., Consider item request by Commission Members for May 21, 2024, regular meeting. None were discussed.

Chairperson Edwards introduced regular agenda item C7., Excuse from attendance at regular Richmond Historical Commission Meeting. All Commission Members were in favor is excusing Commission Member Calcote-Garica absence.

There being no further business to be brought before the Richmond Historical Commission, Chairperson Edwards adjourned the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Approved



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Carol Edwards, Chair

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