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Richmond Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

600 Morton Street
City Commission Room
Richmond, Texas 77469
Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at 8:00 A.M.

RICHMOND HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

The Richmond Historical Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas, met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. Cindy Drabek, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

Ann Council
Cindy Drabek
Becky Haas

Staff in attendance: Lori Bownds, Building Official; Jessica Duet, Planning Director/Historic Preservation Officer; and Gary Smith, City Attorney.

Chairperson Cindy Drabek declared the meeting open.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item number A2., public comment. She asked if there were any public comments. Hearing no public comment the agenda item was closed.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item B1., review and approve minutes from March 21, 2017. The motion was presented by Commissioner Haas to approve the minutes. Commissioner Council seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item B2., announce the next Richmond Historical Commission meeting on May 16, 2017, at 8:00 a.m.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C1a., Downtown Richmond updates. Commissioner Haas reported on the following:

1. Store owner, Jesse Matta, will be remodeling his store and having new vendors. His store will be renamed "Jesse's Morton Street Emporium".
2. There is new construction on Robin Rosen's new building.
3. There is new construction on the Old Hotel site.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C1b., Community and Museum Events. Commissioner Rogers was not present to give a report.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C2a., Certificate of Appropriateness for a sign application located at 405 S. Second Street, #B. The Historic Preservation Officer recommended approval of this Certificate of Appropriateness. Commissioner Haas motioned to recommend approval with the Historic Preservation Officer's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Council. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C2b., Certificate of Appropriateness for façade changes located at 300 - 308 Morton Street, for paint color, fix stucco, demo existing awning, and install new awning. Commissioner Haas recused herself from the discussion and vote due to conflict of interest. Since there was not a quorum this item no action could be taken on this agenda item.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C2c., Certificate of Appropriateness for a Texas Historical Commission Medallion refurbishing located at 600 Preston Street. The Historic Preservation Officer recommended approval of this Certificate of Appropriateness. Commissioner Haas motioned to recommend approval with the Historic Preservation Officer's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Council. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C2d., Update on Historic Preservation Ordinance language. Ms. Jessica Duet, Historic Preservation Officer, stated the missing section from the old ordinance was being worked on to incorporate into the Unified Development Code. This is the only section missing from the old ordinance in the Unified Development Code.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C4., discussion and consideration of the Richmond Historic Preservation Ordinance corrected, updated, and draft presented to the Richmond Historical Commission for review, and ultimately referred to the City Commission for their approval and adoption. Mr. Gary Smith, City Attorney, presented a "disposition table" to the Richmond Historical Commission. The table referenced each place where the old ordinance could be found (by section) in the Unified Development Code. Mr. Smith also stated he has made contact with officials in Austin and is awaiting a

response if the City can have the historic preservation ordinance in the Unified Development Code or in a single form.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C5., discussion and consideration to provide a monthly Richmond Historical Commission activity report to be included in the monthly City Commission consent agenda as part of the monthly Public Works activity report. Mr. Robert Haas explained via public comment that the Parks and Recreation Board monthly report came as a request from a City Commissioner and the Mayor. The Parks and Recreation Board submit a quick overview from the meeting minutes. Commissioner Haas reiterated the monthly report could be reported from monthly minutes and compiled by herself or the Historic Preservation Officer. Chairperson Drabek questioned if the City Commission had specifically asked for a monthly report from the Richmond Historical Commission. Chairperson Drabek reiterated that the Richmond Historical Commission gives quarterly reports to the City Commission currently. Mr. Smith stated that City Management does not desire to give more reports to the City Commission. Commissioner Haas motioned to recommend submitting a request to the City Commission to provide a monthly written report from the Richmond Historical Commission for their consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Council. The vote was two "ayes" and one "nay" for approval.

There being no further business to be brought before the Richmond Historical Commission, Chairwoman Drabek adjourned the meeting at 8:42 a.m.

Approved:



Cindy Drabek, Richmond Historical Commission Chair