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Richmond Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

600 Morton Street

City Commission Room

Richmond, Texas 77469

Tuesday, July 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, July 18, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. Cindy Drabek, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

Karen Bleil
Ann Council
Cindy Drabek
Becky Haas
Lonnie Meadows
Claire Rogers

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

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. and B2., review and approve minutes from May 16, 2017, June 20, 2017, and announce the next Richmond Historical Commission meeting on August 15, 2017. The motion was presented by Commissioner Haas to approve minutes from May 16, 2017 and June 20, 2017 with an amendment to

correct the spelling of Commissioner Bleil's last name from the June 20, 2017, minutes. Commissioner Bleil seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

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

1. Robin Rosen's on South 3rd Street has been painted and the doors are up.
2. The Old Hotel building originally began work on a Sunday by putting up scaffolding. They construction works took the paint off the building. The old paint had lead in it and they construction workers did not wear masks. OSHUN was called for multiple violations on the construction site. The environmental police were spotted on the construction site. The roof is still leaking at the Old Hotel.
3. Jesse Matta's building has been renovated with a new metal ceiling. He has new vendors and moved the original saloon bar into his store.
4. The Downtown Merchants Association is working on the Pecan Festival. The Pecan Festival will be held on November 19th.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C1b., Community and Museum Events. Commissioner Rogers reported on the following events:

1. The Fort Bend Archeological Society is meeting on July 18th at 7:00pm at the Gus George Academy.
2. Historic Richmond Association is meeting on July 19th at 5:30pm at the Richmond Police Department.
3. The Fort Bend Museum is having their Summer History Friday from 9:30am to 12:00pm through July 21st to August 18th.
4. George Ranch Historical Park is having their Summer History Weeks with a different topic each week. Next week will have an archeology dig.
5. Fort Bend Museum has an exhibit opening on August 4th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.
6. Old Foster Community Fundraiser's Derby Day is August 5th from 6:00pm to 11:00pm.
7. Music in the Park will be August 11th at Wessendorff Park from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Last week the Music in the Park had 75 people in attendance.
8. The Congressional Update with Representative Pete Olson will be on August 22nd at 7:30am at Safari Texas.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C2a., update on 302 Jackson Street sign. The Historic Preservation Officer, Ms. Jessica Duet, stated that City staff approved the sign located at 302 Jackson Street with a white background instead of a yellow background.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C2b., Historic District Demolition by Neglect text amendment to UDC discussion and action at August 7, 2017, Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. Ms. Duet told the Richmond Historic Commission that a public hearing was conducted with the Planning and Zoning Commission and the item was tabled to their next meeting on August 7, 2017. She stated the Planning and Zoning

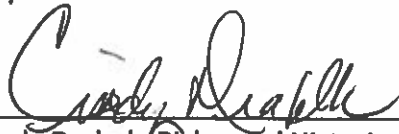
Commission had questions and wanted more time to review the additions to the Unified Development Code. Ms. Duet also stated the text amendment was scheduled for a public hearing and action item for the August 11, 2017, City Commission meeting. Commissioner Haas stated she would be at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C3., discussion and exploration of Historic District Design Guidelines color palette. Commissioner Haas discussed her research from other cities in Texas with guidelines for color palettes within their historic districts. She stated these cities focus on colors you cannot paint with. Both Commissioner Haas and Bleil stated that the Sherwin Williams paint brand have colors you can choose by historical decade that might be of interest. A motion was presented by Commissioner Bleil to form a historic district color palette sub-committee. Commissioner Rogers seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval. The sub-committee was formed into Commissioner Haas, Commissioner Bleil, Commissioner Drabek, and a person living and/or doing business in the Historic District.

Commissioner Drabek introduced agenda item C4., update and discussion on monthly Richmond Historical Commission activity report to be included in monthly City Commission consent agenda. Ms. Duet stated she was informed the City Commission did not want monthly reports for their consent agenda from the Richmond Historical Commission.

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

Approved:



Cindy Drabek/Richmond Historical Commission Chair