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Richmond Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

600 Morton Street

City Commission Room

Richmond, Texas 77469

Tuesday, August 15, 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, August 15, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. Cindy Drabek, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

Karen Bleil
Ann Council
Cindy Drabek
Becky Haas
Claire Rogers

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. Mrs. Rosanne Wechter spoke during the public hearing. She spoke about her business Unwine'd and the sign. She stated that she did not believe the sign was too large and wanted to appeal her case to the Richmond Historical Commission. She brought the sign to show it to the Commission. Mr. Kevin Lawton also spoke during the public hearing he stated the sign for Unwine'd should also be up and they faced the same issues for their TABC license. Hearing no more public comment the agenda item was closed.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item B1. and B2., review and approve minutes

from July 18, 2017, and announce the next Richmond Historical Commission meeting on September 18, 2017. Commissioner Haas motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Bleil seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

1. The Motor Madness and Art Walk was a success.
2. Gallery Baroness had their gallery opening on Saturday.
3. Unwine'd has opened.
4. The Children's Bench was presented to the City and sits in front of the Jaywood Trading Store.
5. Robin Rosen's retail store is progressing.
6. Old Winfred's BBQ sold the building to Mike Elliot.
7. The Rustic Closet is doing great business.
8. Jesse Matta's store has new floors.
9. Seeing more bandit signs in the district.

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

1. On August 15th at the Gus George Academy the Fort Bend Historical Commission meeting is at 3:00 p.m.
2. On August 15th at the Gus George Academy the Fort Bend Archeology Society meeting at 7:00 p.m.
3. On August 16th at the Richmond Police Department Historic Richmond Association meeting at 6:30 p.m.
4. On August 18th the Fort Bend Museum's Summer History.
5. On August 22nd at Safari Teas Congressman Pete Olson's Update at 7:30 a.m.
6. On September 8th at Wessendorff Park, Historic Richmond Association will host Music in the Park.
7. On September 16th, Rosenberg Rail Festival.
8. On September 23rd, Fort Bend Museum Bites and Brews

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C2a., Certificate of Appropriateness for façade change located at 310 Morton Street Rear to paint the alley gate. The Historic Preservation Officer recommended approval of this Certificate of Appropriateness. Commissioner Haas motioned to recommend approval with the Historic Preservation Officer's recommendation with an amendment that both owner's provide consent to paint the gate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bleil. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C2b., Certificate of Appropriateness for façade change located at 310 Morton Street to paint a mural on the right side wall (alley side). The Historic Preservation Officer recommended denial of this Certificate of

Appropriateness. Commissioner Council motioned to recommend approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness. The motion did not pass from failure of a second.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C2c., Historic District Demolition by Neglect text amendment to UDC discussion and action from the August 7, 2017, Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. Ms. Duet told the Richmond Historic Commission that Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the text amendment with four amendments. The amendments included 1) Section 6.3.410, Subsection F.5.f., changing "shall include" to "may include"; 2) Section 6.3.411, Subsection D., changing the mailing process on a first attempt to U.S. Certified Mail; 3) Section 6.3.411, Subsection F., omitting this Subsection; and 4) Section 5.1.301, Subsection J., adding and reorganizing the lettering.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C3., discussion and exploration of Historic District Design Guidelines Color Palette Sub-Committee. Commissioner Haas discussed her research ranging from other cities to Sherwin Williams color palette. She stated all her research points to Sherwin Williams as the best source for a color palette and some cities such as Sealy, Texas are too complicated to use as a basis. She also stated we need to discuss trim work in the color palette as well. Commissioner Haas requested a sub-committee workshop on August 30, 2017, at 7:00 a.m., in the City Commission Room and another discussion at the regularly scheduled meeting.

There being no further business to be brought before the Richmond Historical Commission, Commissioner Haas motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Commissioner Council seconded and the Richmond Historical Commission was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Approved:



Cindy Drabek, Richmond Historical Commission Chair