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Richmond Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

600 Morton Street

City Commission Room

Richmond, Texas 77469

Tuesday, September 19, 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, September 19, 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
Claire Rogers
Jess Stuart

Staff in attendance: Lori Bownds, Building Official; Jessica Duet, Planning Director/Historic Preservation Officer; 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 August 15, 2017, and announce the next Richmond Historical Commission meeting on October 17, 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 second children's bench was finished with the merchants and will be moved to City Hall.
2. Sandy McGee's business is doing very well.
3. There is a new business at Jesse Matta's business.
4. Gallery Baroness inside Jesse Matta's business is selling paintings and will have a gallery opening on October 7th to feature another new artist.
5. Jaywood Trading is having a 50% off sale.
6. The History and Haunts is being interviewed by Impact Magazine.
7. The Rustic Closet is going great business.
8. Lone Star Saloon did great business last Friday night.
9. Trough Juice Bar is always busy.
10. Dapple Grey will open soon as an upscale boutique.
11. Studio Laurel will be expanding her business.
12. The Old Theater need to repair its front façade. We should talk about this at a future meeting. Dr. Mazza would like to buy the building.
13. On October 10th the business owners will feature "It's Fall Y'all".

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

1. On September 23rd, the Fort Bend Museum will put on Bites & Brews from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
2. September 27 through October 1, Sugar Land will host an Italian Film Festival.
3. On September 29th, the Fort Bend County Fair Parade.
4. On September 30th, Blockhouse Coffee will have a backyard event featuring a food truck and a farmer's market.
5. On October 5th, the Fort Bend Museum has a new exhibit opening called "Draped in Black".
6. On October 7th, City of Richmond will host a shred event with Keep Richmond Beautiful from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
7. On October 8th, the Fort Bend Orchestra opens at the Stafford Center.
8. On October 14th, the Fort Bend Museum will have its Docent Orientation.
9. On October 21st and 22nd is Texian Market Days at the George Historical Ranch. October 21st is for schools only and October 22nd is open to the public.
10. On October 22nd, the Fort Bend County Historical Commission will dedicate a historical marker in Stafford.
11. On October 26th and 29th, at the George Memorial Library the Fort Bend Museum will have a demonstration day featuring the "Big Read" featuring the news of the world.
12. On October 27th, the Fort Bend Museum will have a Black and White Masquerade complete with a jazz ensemble.
13. On October 28th, the Fort Bend Museum will have a Spooktacular for

trick-or-treating and house tours.

14. On October 31st, the George Ranch Historical Park will have Ghosts and Grub. The event will feature food and spooky tours.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C2a., Certificate of Appropriateness for sign application located at 611 Jackson 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 C2b., Certificate of Appropriateness for a front and rear patio, façade changes, and two parking spaces at 611 Jackson 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 C2c., Certificate of Appropriateness for a sign application located at 310 Morton 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 Bleil. The vote was unanimous for approval.

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 C2d., update on Historic District Demolition by Neglect text amendment. Ms. Duet stated that the text amendment was approved by the City Commission at their September 5, 2017, meeting. She also stated all parts of the adopted 2013 Ordinance are now incorporated in the Unified Development Code except for the "purpose" statements.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C2e., update on 300 – 308 Morton Street awning construction. Ms. Duet informed the Richmond Historical Commission that the

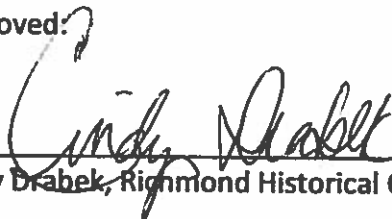
awning which is being constructed is one continuous awning as approved by them. She further stated a stop work was given on Friday but once City staff confirmed the awning was continuous and the one permitted on file, the stop work was lifted. Commissioner Haas did express concerns that the awning being constructed was not as "historical" as the one approved by the Richmond Historical Commission. Mrs. Lori Bownds stated the awning being constructed is the one submitted for permit and built to withstand current wind codes for this area.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C2f., update on 214 Morton Street, Suite B wall sign. Ms. Duet stated this update is for the "Dapple Grey" sign. She stated a wall sign was hand painted onto the building façade but an application was not filed with the Permits Department for review by City staff or the Richmond Historical Commission. Members of the Richmond Historical Commission expressed their concern how they could get information for the application to the owner. Chairperson Drabek volunteered to bring the sign application to the owner of 214 Morton Street, Suite B.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C3., discussion and exploration of Historic District Design Guidelines Color Palette Sub-Committee. Commissioner Haas stated the August 30th meeting did not take place because of Hurricane Harvey. She stated she would like to set up another meeting as soon as possible. After discussion from other members and an agreement, a decision was made to meet for a sub-committee workshop on September 22, 2017, at 8:00 a.m., in the City Commission Room. Ms. Duet will post and notify the Richmond Historical Commission of the workshop.

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 8:50 a.m.

Approved:



Cindy Drabek, Richmond Historical Commission Chair