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Richmond Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

600 Morton Street

City Commission Room

Richmond, Texas 77469

Tuesday, October 17, 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, October 17, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. Cindy Drabek, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

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

Staff in attendance: Lori Bownds, Building Official; Jessica Duet, Planning Director/Historic Preservation Officer; Terri Vela, City Manager; 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 September 19, 2017, and announce the next Richmond Historical Commission meeting on November 21, 2017. Commissioner Meadows motioned to approve the

Consent Agenda. Commissioner Haas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C1a., Downtown Richmond Updates.

1. Sandy McGee's is always very busy.
2. Gallery Baroness is selling expensive paintings.
3. Unwine'd is constructing a new patio and fence.
4. History and Haunts is busy this time of year.
5. Work at the Old Hotel has stopped. Construction for the awning has not been finished because of electrical work. The roof of the building still leaks. The owner has stated he will tar the roof.
6. The Dapple Grey Co. is now open.
7. The antique store is in disrepair but Code Enforcement is working with them to get the building in compliance.
8. The Barber Shop is doing great business.
9. The Rustic Closet is doing great business.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C1b., Community and Museum Events.

Commissioner Rogers reported on the following events:

1. 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.
2. On October 27th, the Fort Bend Museum will have a Black and White Masquerade.
3. On October 28th, the Fort Bend Museum will have a Spooktacular from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
4. On October 28th at George Historical Ranch will be All Hallow's Eve from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.
5. On October 31st, the George Ranch Historical Park will have Ghosts and Grub.
6. On November 3rd, the Fort Bend Museum will host its second lecture series for Dr. Paul Spellman featuring his new novel set in Galveston after the 1900 hurricane. The location is the Fort Bend County Historical Commission's room in the Courthouse.
7. On November 3rd is the Prairie Heritage Festival at Seabourne Creek Park.
8. On November 7th is the Chamber Breakfast at WCJC.
9. On November 10th and 11th, the Fort Bend Museum is hosting Murder and Moore from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C2a., Certificate of Appropriateness for replace two windows at 600 Preston Street. The Historic Preservation Officer recommended approval of this Certificate of Appropriateness. Commissioner Bleil 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 sign application located at 214 Morton Street, Suite B. The Historic Preservation Officer recommended approval of this Certificate of Appropriateness. Commissioner Meadows motioned to recommend approval with the Historic Preservation Officer's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haas. 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 Council. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C3., review and consider action on a final report to City Commission for inclusion of a color palette to the Historic District Design Guidelines. Ms. Duet presented the text language for the color palette for the exterior facades, historical signs, and new signs. Commissioner Bleil stated she would like to add the colors black and white to the exterior façade colors allowed. Commissioner Meadows motioned to recommend approval with the Historic Preservation Officer's recommendation with an amendment that the colors black and white be added to the exterior façade color palette. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bleil. The vote was unanimous for approval.

There being no further business to be brought before the Richmond Historical Commission, Chairwoman Drabek adjourned the meeting at 8:36 a.m.

Approved:



Cindy Drabek, Richmond Historical Commission Chair