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Richmond Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

600 Morton Street

City Commission Room

Richmond, Texas 77469

Tuesday, November 21, 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, November 21, 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
Lonnie Meadows
Claire Rogers

Staff in attendance: Jessica Duet, Planning Director/Historic Preservation Officer; Gary Smith, City Attorney; Lori Bownds, Building Official; 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 October 17, 2017, and announce the next Richmond Historical Commission meeting on December 19, 2017. Commissioner Meadows 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 events:

1. The Richmond Pecan Festival was a massive hit. There were fine, quality show cars in attendance. The pecan pie bake off was held in the Jaywood Trading Company.
2. There are no updates to report on construction for the Old Hotel.
3. The Antique Store will be redoing their roof.

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

1. On November 21st the Fort Bend County Historical Commission meeting at 3:00 p.m. The Wharton County Historical Commission Chair will be speaking.
2. On December 1st there is a Candlelight Ball at the Moore Home from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
3. On December 2nd there are Candlelight Tours at the Moore Home from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; and Miracle on Morton Street from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Downtown Richmond.
4. Beginning on December 2nd there is Christmas in the Park at George Ranch Historical Park lasting until December 19th to the 22nd.
5. On December 3rd there are Candlelight Tours at the Moore Home from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; the Fort Bend Symphony Concert at the Stafford Center at 2:00 p.m.; and Wassail at the Dew House in Missouri City's Kitty Hallow Park from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
6. On December 8th and 9th there are CASA Tours at the Dew House.
7. On December 9th is a Campfire Christmas.
8. On December 15th there is the Children's Campfire and the Sugar Land Visitor's Center will have their soft opening of the Sugar Land Heritage Museum. It will be located on the second floor above the Children's Discovery Center.
9. On December 16th is another Campfire Christmas.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C2a., update on color palette to Historic District Design Guidelines given by Historic Preservation Officer, Ms. Jessica Duet. Ms. Duet stated the text amendment to include a color palette for exterior building finishes and signs was approved by the Mayor and City Commission on November 13, 2017.

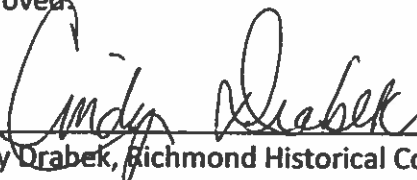
Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C2b., Certificate of Appropriateness for a sign application located at 611 Jackson Street. The Historic Preservation Officer recommended approval of this Certificate of Appropriateness. Commissioner Bleil motioned to recommend approval with the Historic Preservation Officer's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haas. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C2c., Certificate of Appropriateness for a sign application located at 707 Calhoun Street. 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 Council. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Chairperson Drabek introduced agenda item C3., discussion on Old Queen Theater, Mrs. Becky Haas. Commissioner Haas stated the windows on the Old Queen Theater had been boarded up since 2014 Miracle on Morton Street. She stated the windows are boarded up with plywood which is painted black. Since the boards have been up since 2014 they are warping and possibly rotting. Commissioner Haas expressed concern for its appearance on Morton Street and to reach out to the owner to remedy the situation. It was concluded Commissioner Haas would reach out personally to the property owner and that the downtown business owners might also. Ms. Jessica Duet also stated she would reach out to the City's Code Enforcement Officers if a solution could be gained there too.

There being no further business to be brought before the Richmond Historical Commission, Chairwoman Drabek adjourned the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

Approved:



Cindy Drabek, Richmond Historical Commission Chair