

Central Business District Historic District Landmarks Commission  
Meeting Minutes

Date: January 3, 2024

Location: City Council Chamber, 1300 Perdido Street

Called to order: 10:00 a.m.

Commissioners present: Adrienne Dixon, Whiton Paine, Seamus McGuire, Peter Trapolin, Darrel Dumestre, Bradley Becnel, Matt Norton, Gregory Curtis

Commissioners arriving after beginning of the meeting:

Commissioners absent: John Boyd, Tim Spratt

**I. Minutes of the Wednesday, December 6th, 2024, meeting.**

Motion: Approve the minutes.

By: Whiton Paine

Second: Gregory Curtis

Result: Passed

In Favor: Adrienne Dixon, Whiton Paine, Peter Trapolin, Darrel Dumestre, Bradley Becnel, Matt Norton, Gregory Curtis

Opposed:

Comments:

**II. Consent Agenda**

Motion: Approve the Consent Agenda.

By: Peter Trapolin

Second: Whiton Paine

Result: Passed

In Favor: Adrienne Dixon, Whiton Paine, Peter Trapolin, Darrel Dumestre, Bradley Becnel, Matt Norton, Gregory Curtis

Opposed:

Comments:

**III. New Business Wok Applications**

A. 714 Canal Street

Application: Install new channel letter sign on a raceway at a Landmark, commercial building.

Motion: Deny the installation.

By: Bradley Becnel

Second: Adrienne Dixon

Result: Passed

In Favor: Adrienne Dixon, Whiton Paine, Seamus McGuire, Darrel Dumestre, Bradley Becnel, Gregory Curtis

Opposed: Matt Norton

Comments: Peter Trapolin abstained.

#### **IV. New Business Demolition Applications**

##### **A. 411 Andrew Higgins Drive**

Application: Demolition of an existing Contributing rated one-story open-frame warehouse structure to grade.

Motion: Deny the application for demolition to grade because the historic structure appears to be competent and durable and could likely be modestly repaired, retained, and incorporated into a future redevelopment plan for the site. Additionally, the Commission voted to deny the request based on the fair to good condition of the building and its structural elements today, because the HDLC Design Guidelines note that all efforts to reuse a historic resource should be exhausted before considering demolition, and because the demolition of Contributing rated structures is considered an extreme and inappropriate option, particularly to alleviate Code Enforcement violations.

By: Gregory Curtis

Second: Adrienne Dixon

Result: Passed

In Favor: Adrienne Dixon, Whiton Paine, Peter Trapolin, Darrel Dumestre, Bradley Becnel, Matt Norton, Gregory Curtis

Opposed:

Comments:

#### **V. RATIFICATION of Architectural Committee and Staff actions since the Wednesday, December 6th, 2023, meeting.**

Motion: Approve ratification of the Staff and ARC actions.

By: Peter Trapolin

Second: Bradley Becnel

Result: Passed

In Favor: Adrienne Dixon, Whiton Paine, Peter Trapolin, Darrel Dumestre, Bradley Becnel, Matt Norton, Gregory Curtis

Opposed:

Comments:

#### **VI. HDLC REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Motion: Adjourn the meeting.

By: Bradley Becnel

Second: Peter Trapolin

Result: Passed

In Favor: Adrienne Dixon, Whiton Paine, Peter Trapolin, Darrel Dumestre, Bradley Becnel, Matt Norton, Gregory Curtis

Opposed:

Comments: