MINUTES

Landmark Preservation Commission
Regular Session

Council Briefing Room, City Hall
101 W. Abram Street, 3rd Floor

Thursday, January, 14, 2016
6:15 p.m.

Commissioners Present		**Absent**	**Staff**
Roger Wehr, Chair	Geraldine Mills	Valle Caldwell	Sarah Stubblefield
Glenn Day	Cheryl Donaldson	Michelle Canton	
Dorothy Rencurrel	Roxanne Thalman		

I. Call to Order – Chair Wehr called the meeting to order at 6:19 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Announcements

Ms. Stubblefield announced that as of January 1, 2016, any person with a handgun license would not be allowed to carry a weapon, either concealed or carried openly, in any City of Arlington public meetings.

She also stated that the Neighborhood Matching Grant program was open to all neighborhoods as a resource which could benefit any group seeking information.

An event at Top O' Hill Terrace was scheduled for April 9, 2016, to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the Bankhead Highway.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Day moved to approve the December 10, 2016. Seconded by Commissioner Mills, the minutes were approved by a vote of 5-0-0.

V. Dangerous Structures

1106 Belvedere Drive
Code Officer Gray noted that 1106 Belvedere Drive, a vacant and dilapidated home built in 1954, had high weeds and grass with trash and debris on the outside. Upon further interior inspection, it was noted that the chimney, ceiling, and the entire foundation were in dangerous condition along with faulty wiring and hazardous plumbing. The property owner is deceased and no heirs have been located.

Commissioner Mills moved to approve the release of the structure at 1106 Belvedere Drive to the City. Seconded by Commissioner Rencurrel, the motion was approved by a vote of 6-0-0.

VI. Approval of Local Marker Nominations

Webb Community Local Marker Application

The location of the marker was yet to be determined and the park or a local house just north of the Webb Community Church on Zuefeldt Drive was suggested.

Commissioner Mills moved to recommend to Council the approval of a marker for the Webb Community. Seconded by Commissioner Day, the motion was approved by a vote of 6-0-0.

VII. Approval of 2016 Work Plan

Ms. Stubblefield presented the final version of the 2016 Work Plan.

Commissioner Day moved to approve the 2016 Work Plan with the addition of Street Toppers as an outreach goal. Seconded by Commissioner Rencurrel, the motion was approved by a vote of 6-0-0.

VIII. Work Plan Items

Priority Historic Resources

Ms. Stubblefield gave an update of The Bankhead Highway 100 Year Celebration stating that a meeting had been hosted by the Texas Historical Commission on January 13th at the Arlington Steakhouse to discuss plans for celebrating the history of the highway. Ms. Mills reported on the suggestions given at that meeting regarding everyday goals, infrastructure, and special events, noting that there would be an additional gathering at the Fielder House on February 20th for the groups which were formed to further discuss their ideas. The Division Street Corridor Strategy would be implemented to improve the look and condition of the highway, creating a positive experience for visitors of Arlington.

An event at the Top O' Hill on April 9, 2016, will raise funds for the celebration as well as repair of a retaining wall in the Tea Garden at Top O' Hill Terrace.

The appointment of a new Commissioner would be necessary due to the resignation of Tim Gette so applications would be accepted immediately.

The Dedication Ceremony Committee would be planning future events for the Old Mayor's House and the Vaught House which were approved by Council in 2015, as well as the McKinley-Woodward House at 400 East First Street, the Stanley McSwane House at 1225 California Lane, and the Webb Community Church at 7000 Zuefeldt Drive which would all be considered by Council on January 26, 2016.

Chair Wehr noted that Dr. Valin Woodward, past President of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution, Arlington Chapter #7, would be honored with a grave marker dedication on March 12, 2016, in the Arlington City Cemetery, 801 Mary Street.

IX. Historic Preservation Officer Report

X. Public Forum

Floreen Henry, with the Heart of Arlington Neighborhood Association (HANA), spoke about drawing attention to the Old Historic Trail which is Center Street from Marrow Bone Springs and beyond Johnson Station to Bird's Fort. HANA would like to rescue two City properties, 2100 and 2102 South Center Street, marking it as a Natural Preservation Area. This property is considered the last green space along the Old Historic Trail which existed before Texas was a republic and was used by various Indian confederacies. Ms. Henry asked that the Commission consider a marker for this triangular property at the intersection of South Center Street and Pioneer Parkway.

XI. Future Agenda Items – February 11, 2016

- Sandstone Houses
- Fielder House would be hosting an Open House on Sunday, January 31, 2016, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

XII. Adjourn at 7:31 p.m.

Commissioner Mills made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Thalman, the motion passed unanimously. Chair Wehr adjourned the meeting.

Minutes Approved

Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Commission
APPROVED this 11th day of February 2016