MINUTES

Landmark Preservation Commission
Regular Session

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

Thursday, February, 11, 2016
6:15 p.m.

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

I. Call to Order – Chair Wehr called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Announcements

Commissioner Donaldson announced that she would be the first student in the new Graduate Certificate in Historical Preservation program at UTA.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Canton moved to approve the January 14, 2016 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Rencurrel, the minutes were approved by a vote of 5-0-0.

V. Dangerous Structures

302 W. North Street

Code Officer Gray noted that 302 W. North Street, a home built in 1941, appeared to be in dilapidated condition. Upon further interior inspection, it was discovered that the entire foundation was in dangerous condition along with faulty weather protection, hazardous wiring and plumbing, and blocked points of egress. A secondary structure, also in dilapidated condition, was found to have a separate mailing address on the same lot with 302 W. North Street and no permits for the construction were found. The property owner was informed of the process and told Code Compliance that he would need time to begin the rehab of the primary home along with the rehab or possible demolition of the secondary structure. A follow up inspection was scheduled for February 12, 2016.

Commissioner Canton moved to approve the release of the structure at 302 W. North Street to the City. Seconded by Commissioner Donaldson, the motion was approved by a vote of 5-0-0.

VI. Demolition Applications

401 Orange Street

The home was built in 1942 and has no historic significance. This property, along with 407 Orange Street, which was already vacant, would be developed with five new homes for low-to-moderate-income first time homebuyers as part of a Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy. Charlie Price with Development Corporation of Tarrant County noted that the exterior plans for these homes would match the character of the existing neighborhood with the use of Brazos River rock.

Commissioner Rencurrel moved to approve the release of the structure at 401 Orange Street to the City. Seconded by Commissioner Donaldson, the motion was approved by a vote of 5-0-0.

VII. Work Plan Items

Priority Historic Resources

Ms. Stubblefield reminded the Commission that a come and go event from noon to 7:00 p.m. would take place at the Top O' Hill on April 9, 2016, raising funds for the repair of a retaining wall in the Tea Garden.

The Office of Communication would be creating a video to celebrate and advertise the 100-year anniversary of the Bankhead Highway. Interviews and pictures would be included in the commemoration. There would also be social media postings for Throwback Thursdays leading up to the April 9th event featuring historical photos of the highway as well as news stories.

The Arlington Historical Society would be hosting another meeting at the Fielder House Museum to discuss everyday things which could be done to promote the Bankhead Highway on Wednesday, February 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Stubblefield announced a City sidewalk project to increase the walkability of the Division Street area between Cooper and Collins Streets.

Commissioner Mills invited the group to visit the Fielder House Museum and view the exhibit on the Bankhead Highway and other areas of Arlington history.

Local Marker Program

The Dedication Ceremony Committee met with Commissioners Mills and Canton on February 5th to discuss dates for the Arlington Downs Watering Trough dedication ceremony and began planning to hold the dedication in conjunction with the Top O' Hill event on April 9, 2016. The President of Everest College agreed to co-host the dedication and the two events would bring more attention to the historical marker as well as the fundraiser. The next planning event for the Committee would take place at 3:00 p.m. on February 19th at City Hall.

Chair Wehr reminded the Commissioners that Dr. Valin Woodward, past President of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), Arlington Chapter #7, would be

honored with a grave marker dedication on March 12, 2016, in the Arlington City Cemetery, 801 Mary Street. Commissioner Mills noted that the former home of Dr. Woodward was now a private residence and only members of the Woodward family would be allowed to visit after the cemetery dedication; however, the public would be encouraged to drive by the historic home if they desired.

Training

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) held training sessions in January which were attended by Ms. Stubblefield and Commissioner Donaldson. Topics included THC tax credits, researching historic cemeteries, maintaining historic integrity to receive funding, and the use of newer windows and brick work.

VIII. Historic Preservation Officer Report

The City's Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant Application had not been accepted, but the THC was eager to assist Arlington with future Grant applications. The CLG Annual Report was submitted by Ms. Stubblefield and expected that updates to our City Codes would be needed in the future. Representatives from the THC could be visiting Arlington in 2016, attending a LPC meeting and providing training opportunities to the Commission.

IX. Public Forum

None

X. Future Agenda Items – March 10, 2016

- Historic Cemeteries
- Gravesite Dedication
- Marker Dedication Committee Report
- Bankhead Highway

XI. Adjourn at 7:18 p.m.

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

Minutes Approved

Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Commission
APPROVED this 10th day of March 2016