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Landmark Preservation Commission
Regular Session

Arlington Conference Room, City Hall
101 W. Abram Street, 3rd Floor

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

Commissioners Present

Roger Wehr, Chair
Michelle Canton
Dorothy Rencurrel
Barbara Reber

Geraldine Mills
Cheryl Donaldson
Glenn Day

Absent

Valle Caldwell
Roxanne Thalman

Staff

Sarah Stubblefield
Cindy Harding

I. **Call to Order** – Chair Wehr called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

III. **Announcements**

Ms. Stubblefield thanked Martha Martin for her hard work on the dedication of the Arlington Downs Racetrack and Fountain.

IV. **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Reber moved to approve the March 10, 2016 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Mills, the minutes were approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

V. **Dangerous Structures**

505 Taylor Street (Continued from March 10, 2016)

It was noted that the owners of 505 Taylor Street, a vacant bungalow style home built around 1930 in the historic Hill Neighborhood, had no one respond to numerous notices from Code Compliance regarding rehabilitation of the home.

Commissioner Reber moved to approve the release of 505 Taylor Street to the City. Seconded by Commissioner Donaldson, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

304 Sunset Court

Code Officer Gray noted that 304 Sunset Court had suffered fire damages and had shown no signs of rehabilitation. The roof and rear portion of the house were failing structurally and the interior of the home was filled with junk, trash, and debris creating a very unsanitary condition. The kitchen and bathrooms were not functioning and the ceiling was collapsing.

Commissioner Canton moved to approve the release of 304 Sunset Court to the City. Seconded by Commissioner Day, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

812 Glynn Oaks Drive

Code Officer Gray noted that 812 Glynn Oaks Drive had a dilapidated addition to the rear of the house with severe and improper weather protection. While contacting the owner, he noticed that the brick façade was pulling away from the structure and in danger of collapsing. The owner had made repairs to the exterior walls without a permit and the flooring inside the home was dilapidated. The ceiling in one room was collapsed and water was dripping inside from the roof, along with hazardous wiring and unsanitary conditions.

Commissioner Canton moved to approve the release of 812 Glynn Oaks Drive to the City. Seconded by Commissioner Rencurrel, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

VI. Presentation

1. The presentation on Historic Cemeteries on Arkansas Lane was postponed to a future meeting.

VII. Work Plan Items

Priority Historic Resources

On Saturday, April 23, 2016, a collectible car group would be coming through Texas on the Bankhead Highway, stopping at Top O' Hill Terrace for a short time.

It was noted that Bird's Fort is an important historic resource.

Local Marker Program

The Arlington Downs Racetrack and Fountain dedication ceremony, held on April 9, 2016, was a big success. It was noted that only a few wall mount medallions were left for future dedications and the Commission agreed to continue using the same logo on each marker, instead of updating to the current City brand, in order to keep historic properties consistent.

Commissioners were reminded that Lone Star Park would be honoring Arlington Downs and W.T. Waggoner in a race on April 17th.

VIII. Historic Preservation Officer Report

The Mayor would be presenting a Proclamation in May for Historic Preservation Month. The website and social media would be updated with Arlington history lessons and photos for Throw Back Thursdays.

IX. Public Forum

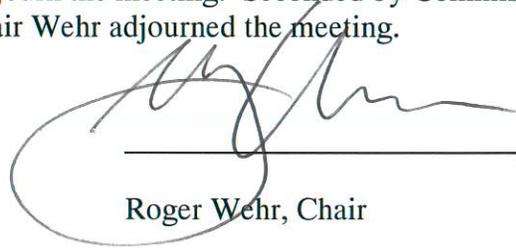
Commissioner Rencurrel announced that the Tarrant County Historic Commission was tracking historic trees in the area, suggesting the LPC could help identify trees in Arlington.

X. Future Agenda Items – May 12, 2016

- o Historic Cemeteries on Arkansas Lane
- o Raising funds for markers
- o Brochures regarding historic cemeteries and historic houses
- o Video of the Fielder Museum

XI. Adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

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



Roger Wehr, Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Commission
APPROVED this 12th day of May 2016