



**EL PASO HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MINUTES
OCTOBER 25, 2010
4:00 P.M.**

The El Paso Historic Landmark Commission held a public hearing in Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall Building, October 25, 2010, 4:00 p.m., with the following members present:

Commission Members Present:

Joe Riccillo, Chair
Hugo Gardea, Vice-Chair
Ricardo D. Gonzalez
Randy Brock
Joel Guzman
Stephanie Fernandez

Others Present:

Tony De La Cruz, Planner
Mark Shoesmith, Assistant City Attorney

Chair Riccillo called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

AGENDA

I. CALL TO THE PUBLIC – PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

Chair Riccillo asked Staff if there were any changes to the agenda.

Mr. De La Cruz requested that Item **HPC10-00189** be moved to the end of the agenda.

NOTE: Mr. De La Cruz noted the Representative was not present. Commissioners moved the item to the end of the agenda.

ACTION:

Motion made by Chair Riccillo, seconded by Commissioner Guzman, and unanimously carried **TO MOVE ITEM HPC10-00189 TO THE END OF THE AGENDA.**

AYES: Commissioners Gardea, Gonzalez, Guzman, Brock, and Fernandez

NAYS: N/A

Motion passed. (5-0)

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II. REGULAR AGENDA – DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Certificate of Appropriateness

1. **HPC10-00189** Being part of Lot 8 Beginning 5.93 ft North of southwest corner (240.11 feet on westerly, 252.92 feet on northerly, 240 feet on easterly, 260.25 on southerly), Stevens Addition, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas
- Location: 230 S. Americas
Historic District: Mission Trail



Property Owner: Valero
Representative: PSRBB Architects
District: 6
Existing Zoning: C-3/H/c (Commercial/Historic/contract) and
C-3/sc (Commercial/special condition)
Year Built: 1990
Historic Status: Non-Contributing
Request: Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction of a convenience store.
Application Filed: 9/22/2010
45 Day Expiration: 11/6/2010

Mr. De La Cruz noted that he did not have an e-mail from the applicant requesting that this item be deleted. He did speak with the applicant and the applicant stated that he was requesting that this item be cancelled. The applicant will submit a written request for the cancellation of this item.

ACTION:

Motion made by Chair Riccillo, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, to **DENY HPC10-00206 IF A FORMAL WRITTEN REQUEST IS NOT RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 6, 2010.**

AYES: Commissioners Gardea, Gonzalez, Guzman, Brock, and Fernandez
NAYS: N/A

Motion passed. (5-0) vote.

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RECESS:

ACTION:

Motion made by Chair Riccillo, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, and unanimously carried **TO RECESS THE HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MEETING AT 4:35 P.M., SO THAT MR. DE LA CRUZ COULD VERIFY IF HE HAD AN E-MAIL FROM THE APPLICANT REQUESTING THAT ITEM HPC10-00206 BE CANCELLED.**

AYES: Commissioners Gonzalez, Guzman, Brock, and Fernandez
NAYS: N/A

Motion passed. (5-0) vote.

RECONVENE:

Motion made by Chair Riccillo, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, and unanimously carried **TO RECONVENE THE HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MEETING AT 4:50 P.M.**

Motion passed. (5-0) vote.

After discussion of item HPC10-00206, the Commission went back to discussion and action on item 1: HPC10-00189.



2. HPC10-00206 Lots 11 through 14, Block 5, Golden Hill Addition, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas
 Location: 1725 Arizona Avenue
 Historic District: Independent Historic Structure
 Property Owner: City of El Paso
 District: 8
 Existing Zoning: A-O/H/sc (Apartment-Office/Historic/special conditions)
 Year Built: 1907
 Historic Status: Landmark
 Request: Certificate of appropriateness for the installation of a code required exterior exit egress stairway and expansion of previously approved addition located at the rear façade.
 Application Filed: 10/12/2010
 45 Day Expiration: 11/26/2010

Mr. De La Cruz gave a PowerPoint presentation and provided information regarding building and fire code requirements.

Fred Perez noted that the old brick will not touch the new brick and it does follow the guidelines.

Sam Rodriguez with the Engineering Department noted that there is no problem in recessing the new addition a few inches from the existing structure.

A brief discussion followed and the Commission noted that they would prefer a darker brick color.

ACTION:

Motion made by Chair Gardea, seconded by Commissioner Riccillo, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE HPC10-00206 WITH AFOREMENTIONED RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCLUDE A DARKER BRICK COLOR, REVEAL DETAIL ON BOTH SIDES AND AVOIDING BLACK PAINT.**

AYES: Commissioners Gardea, Gonzalez, Guzman, Brock, and Fernandez
NAYS: N/A

Motion passed. (5-0) vote.

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AYES: Commissioners Gonzalez, Guzman, Brock, and Fernandez
NAYS: N/A

Motion passed. (5-0) vote.

RECONVENE:

Motion made by Chair Riccillo, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, and unanimously carried **TO**



RECONVENE THE HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MEETING AT 4:50 P.M.

Motion passed. (5-0) vote.

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3. Addresses of property HLC Commissioners have requested that HLC staff review or investigate and provide a report to the HLC. If no addresses are submitted in advance and listed under this agenda item, Commissioners may announce such addresses under this agenda item. Discussion on property announced at this meeting will take place during the next regularly scheduled meeting. October 25, 2010 is the deadline for HLC members to request agenda items to be scheduled for the November 8, 2010 meeting.

A. Magoffin Villas at 915, 917, 1001 Magoffin Avenue and 1000, 1008, 1010 Myrtle Avenue

Mr. De La Cruz noted that the groundbreaking for Magoffin Villas is underway. He will take photos and document the site.

B. Alamo Elementary School at 500 South Hills Street



After a lengthy discussion the City Plan Commission unanimously approved a historical overlay. They are just waiting for the ordinance and it will be presented to City Council within the next month. Mr. De La Cruz noted that the Housing Authority is against the historic overlay.

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HLC Staff Reports

4. Update on Administrative Review Cases since last HLC meeting for the properties listed on the attachment posted with this agenda. (See Attachment "A")

Staff Report: installation and re-roofing of existing structures.

Mr. De La Cruz noted that windows on the front facade are going to be replaced with energy efficient windows.

Commissioner Gardea finds it difficult and urges caution the on the replacement of windows.

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Planning & Economic Development Department Report

5. No items to report.
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Visionaries in Preservation Report

6. VIP Manager Presentation
7. Discussion and action regarding VIP issues

Visionaries in Preservation will be presented at the next meeting since it is not posted on this agenda.

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Other Business

8.
 - A. Discussion and action regarding Section 20.20.070 – Historic landmark recognition
 - B. Discussion and action regarding Historic Landmark Plaque Nomination Application
 - C. Discussion and action on nomination of new member to Historic Landmark Designation subcommittee.

Mr. De La Cruz requested that items A, B, and C be postponed and be discussed at the next HLC meeting since the new Historic Preservation Officer, Providencia Velasquez, will be on board starting November 6, 2010.

Chair Riccillo asked about the process change and legal recommendation. He requested clarification on zoning cases and wants the conclusion as to what the results were.

- D. Approval of Historic Landmark Commission Meeting Minutes.
October 11, 2010



ACTION:

Motion made by Chair Riccillo, seconded by Commissioner Guzman, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE THE HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 11, 2010, AS PRESENTED.**

AYES: Commissioners Gardea, Gonzalez, Guzman, Brock, and Fernandez

NAYS: N/A

Motion passed. (5-0) vote.

Commissioner Gardea requested to place an item on the next HLC agenda regarding the 100 year requirement.

ADJOURNMENT:

ACTION:

Motion made by Chair Riccillo, seconded by Commissioner Gardea, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN THE HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MEETING AT 5:08 PM.**

AYES: Commissioners Gardea, Gonzalez, Guzman, Brock, and Fernandez

NAYS: N/A

Motion passed. (5-0) vote.

