



**EL PASO HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 2, 2009  
4:00 P.M.**

The El Paso Historic Landmark Commission held a public hearing in the City Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall Building, November 2, 2009, 4:00 p.m., with the following members present:

**Commission Members Present:**

Joseph Riccillo, Chair  
Hugo Gardea, Vice-Chair  
Rick Suarez  
Randy Brock  
Melissa C. Brandrup  
Ricardo D. Gonzalez  
Elizabeth Leal  
Jim Booher

**Others Present:**

Dr. Troy Ainsworth, Historic Preservation Officer  
Tony De La Cruz, Planner  
Cynthia Osborn, Assistant City Attorney

**AGENDA**

Chair Riccillo called the Historic Landmark Commission meeting to order.

**I. CALL TO THE PUBLIC – PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

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

There being no changes, the agenda stands as presented.

**MOTION:**

Motion made by Commissioner Riccillo, seconded by Commissioner Brandrup and unanimously carried  
**TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

No further discussion from the Commissioners. The vote was taken.

**AYES:** Commissioners Suarez, Brock, Brandrup, Gonzalez, Gardea, Leal, and Booher

**NAYS:** N/A

Motion passed. (7-0)

**II. REGULAR AGENDA – DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

**Certificate of Appropriateness**

1. **No applications received by deadline of October 19, 2009.**

2. 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. November 2, 2009 deadline for HLC members to request for agenda items to be scheduled for the November 16, 2009 meeting. November 16, 2009 deadline for HLC members to request for agenda items to be scheduled for the December 7, 2009 meeting.

Chair Riccillo read the following into the record:

*"Discussion on property announced at this meeting will take place during the next regularly scheduled meeting. November 2, 2009 deadline for HLC members to request for agenda items to be scheduled for the November 16, 2009 meeting. November 16, 2009 deadline for HLC members to request for agenda items to be scheduled for the December 7, 2009 meeting."*

Commissioners requested the following properties be placed on the November 16, 2009 HLC agenda:

1. Magoffin Villas at 915, 917 and 1001 Magoffin and 1000, 1008 and 1010 Myrtle
2. 415 N. El Paso
3. El Paso Street
4. Houston Elementary School

A. Alamo Elementary School

Mr. De La Cruz noted no new information was available; however, Dr. Ainsworth would like Alamo Elementary School as a standing agenda item.

Chair Riccillo, Commissioners Suarez and Leal commented.

Dr. Ainsworth will schedule an appointment to meet with Dr. Lorenzo García, Superintendent, El Paso Independent School District.

**HLC Staff Reports**

3. A. None to report

**Development Services Department Report**

4. A. None to report

**Visionaries in Preservation Report**

5. VIP Manager Presentation

Mr. De La Cruz gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the *El Paso Historic Preservation Action Plan*. Comments were made various Task Forces that will carry out the short, med and long term goals presented in the Action Plan.

6. Discussion and action regarding an amendment to the City of El Paso Comprehensive Plan, known as *The Plan for El Paso* by adopting a specific historic preservation plan of action titled the *El Paso Historic Preservation Action Plan*. He commented on the number of Task Forces and preparation of short, medium and long term goals.

Dr. Ainsworth explained, following Commissioners approval, the *El Paso Historic Preservation Action Plan* will be presented to the City Plan Commission and City Council for their approval. The El Paso Historic Preservation Action Plan will then be embedded into the El Paso Comprehensive Master Plan.

Chair Riccillo and Commissioner Leal commented.

**MOTION:**

Motion made by Commissioner Leal, seconded by Commissioner Suarez and unanimously carried **TO ACCEPT THE VISIONARIES IN PRESERVATION PLAN.**

No further discussion from the Commissioners. The vote was taken.

**AYES:** Commissioners Suarez, Brock, Brandrup, Gonzalez, Gardea, Leal, and Booher

**NAYS:** N/A

Motion passed. (7-0)

**Other Business**

7. A. Discussion and action to create an HLC Subcommittee for Nomination of Historic Designation Medallions

Dr. Ainsworth explained the deadline to submit the nominations is September 1, 2010. He referred to **Section 20.20.70 Historic landmark recognitions.** and recommended appointing three Commissioners to the Subcommittee. Staff will be actively involved with the Subcommittee.

Chair Riccillo nominated Commissioners Leal and Gonzalez.

Commissioners Leal, Gonzalez, Suarez, and Brandrup commented.

Chair Riccillo asked for volunteers. Commissioner Booher volunteered.

**MOTION:**

Motion made by Commissioner Suarez, seconded by Commissioner Gardea and unanimously carried **TO APPOINT COMMISSIONERS LEAL, BOOHER AND GONZALEZ TO THE HLC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR NOMINATION OF HISTORIC DESIGNATION MEDALLIONS. COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ WILL HEAD THE SUBCOMMITTEE.**

No further discussion from the Commissioners. The vote was taken.

**AYES:** Commissioners Suarez, Brock, Brandrup, Gonzalez, Gardea, Leal, and Booher

**NAYS:** N/A

Motion passed. (7-0)

- B. Approval of Historic Landmark Commission Meeting Minutes.  
October 19, 2009

Chair Riccillo asked if Commissioners had corrections/revisions for the October 19, 2009 minutes

**CORRECTIONS**

1. *Ms. Osborn referred to page 3, 2<sup>ND</sup>* **MOTION AND FINAL MOTION:**

Ms. Osborn explained the bold, capitalized language is the pre-amble to the motion; however, the motion was never stated. She requested "motion to approve" be added as follows:

**THAT THE COMMISSIONERS MADE A FINDING THAT THE CONSTRUCTION WAS COMPLETED PRIOR TO APPLICATION FOR APPROPRIATENESS. FOR THE RECORD, WHILE THE COMMISSIONER'S RULING MAY HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT IF THE APPLICATION HAD COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION, IT IS NOT INCONCEIVABLE THAT RENOVATIONS AS PRESENTED MAY HAVE BEEN GRANTED BY THE COMMISSION. MOTION TO APPROVE.**

**Motion passed. (5-01)**

2. *Commissioner Gonzalez referred to page 4, item C. Magoffin Villas at 915, 917 and 1001 Magoffin and 1000, 1008 and 1010 Myrtle* and requested the following corrections:

- a. Mr. De La Cruz responded the design has not changed; it is the same design ~~approved~~ **denied** by the Historic Landmark Commission **approved by City Council**.
- b. The Traffic Engineer has recommended approval, Planning Staff ~~based~~ **based** their approval on the Traffic Engineer.

3. *Commissioner Gardea referred to page 4, item C. Magoffin Villas at 915, 917 and 1001 Magoffin and 1000, 1008 and 1010 Myrtle* and wondered if Mr. De La Cruz had talked about the parking issue being on the City Council agenda.

Ms. Osborn, Dr. Ainsworth, Chair Riccillo and Commissioners Brandrup, Gonzalez, Leal, and Booher commented.

Dr. Ainsworth stated the reference to the City Council agenda item would be deleted from the minutes.

**MOTION:**

Motion made by Commissioner Leal, seconded by Commissioner Brock and unanimously carried **TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2009, AS CORRECTED.**

**AYES:** Commissioners Brock, Brandrup, Gardea, Leal, and Booher

**NAYS:** N/A

**ABSTAIN:** Commissioners Suarez and Gonzalez

Motion passed. (5-0)

**MOTION:**

Motion made by Commissioner Gardea, seconded by Commissioner Brock and unanimously carried **TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:18 P.M.**

**AYES:** Commissioners Suarez, Brock, Brandrup, Gonzalez, Gardea, Leal, and Booher

**NAYS:** N/A

Motion passed. (7-0)