



**EL PASO HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 16, 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 16, 2009, 4:00 p.m., with the following members present:

**Commission Members Present:**

Joseph Riccillo, Chair  
Hugo Gardea, Vice-Chair  
Rick Suarez  
Melissa C. Brandrup  
Elizabeth Leal  
Jim Booher (4:10)

**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 at 4:01 p.m.

**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 Chair 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, Brandrup, Gardea, and Leal

**NAYS:** N/A

Motion passed. (4-0)

## II. REGULAR AGENDA – DISCUSSION AND ACTION

### Certificate of Appropriateness

1. **HPC09-00190**                      Lots 1 to 32, Block 85, Government Hill Addition, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas  
Location:                              2001 Radford Street  
Historic District:                      Austin Terrace  
Property Owner:                      Radford School Inc.  
Representative:                      John Doran and Sheri Fashing  
Representative District:              #2  
Existing Zoning:                      R-4/H (Residential/Historic)  
Year Built:                              1918  
Historic Status:                      Landmark  
Request:                                Certificate of Appropriateness to construct a 10' x 34' detached pergola and landscape work  
  
Application Filed:                      10/27/2009  
45 Day Expiration:                      12/11/2009

Prior to the discussion, a model of the proposed pergola was presented to Commissioners. Dr. Ainsworth gave a PowerPoint presentation and noted Staff recommends approval of the proposed construction and landscape work. Dr. Ainsworth explained the request was presented to Commissioners due to the size of the pergola being larger than what could be approved administratively.

Ms. Sheri Fashing, Chairman of the Board, Radford School Inc., responded to questions and/or comments from Commissioners.

#### **MOTION:**

Motion made by Commissioner Gardea, seconded by Commissioner Leal and unanimously carried **TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED.**

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

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

**NAYS:** N/A

Motion passed. (5-0)

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 16, 2009 deadline for HLC members to request for agenda items to be scheduled for the December 7, 2009 meeting. December 7, 2009 deadline for HLC members to request for agenda items to be scheduled for the December 21, 2009 meeting.

Commissioner requested the following properties be placed on the December 7<sup>th</sup> HLC agenda for discussion:

- A. 2731 Portland Avenue
- B. Alamo Elementary School
- C. Magoffin Villas at 915, 917 and 1001 Magoffin and 1000, 1008 and 1010 Myrtle
- D. Houston Elementary School

A. 2731 Portland Avenue

Dr. Ainsworth explained work is continuing on the home, primarily the stabilization, the roof is complete; additionally, a great deal has been done on the exterior, progress is being made. The El Paso Preservation Alliance has been tasked with providing regular reports to the Building and Standards Commission. The Building and Standards Commission recognized a complete restoration of the home could not be accomplished in 60 days; however, the El Paso Preservation Alliance must demonstrate progress. Date of completion has not yet been determined.

B. Alamo Elementary School

Dr. Ainsworth has requested a meeting with the Superintendent of El Paso Independent School District; however, he has not received a return call, as of yet. Chair Riccillo provided Dr Ainsworth Mr. Armando Jimenez business card. Mr. Jimenez is the project manager for EPISD ("El Paso Independent School District"). Dr. Ainsworth will be contacting Mr. Jimenez to set up an appointment.

Commissioner Leal suggested having Mr. Jimenez give a PowerPoint presentation before the Commission.

Dr. Ainsworth suggested he would give a PowerPoint presentation at a Bond Overview Committee meeting. He would acquire photographs and historical facts regarding the construction and history of Alamo Elementary School.

Commissioner Suarez thought Dr. Ainsworth should give his presentation before the EPISD Board of Trustees.

Ms. Osborn provided legal guidance.

**MOTION:**

Motion made by Commissioner Leal, seconded by Commissioner Suarez and unanimously carried **TO DELEGATE THE AUTHORITY TO DR. AINSWORTH TO PREPARE A PRESENTATION ON ALAMO SCHOOL FOR THE NEXT AVAILABLE EPISD BOARD MEETING.**

Prior to the vote, Chair Riccillo asked if Commissioners had any further discussion on the issue. There was none.

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

**NAYS:** N/A

Motion passed. (5-0)

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

Dr. Ainsworth explained the Special Permit request for reduced parking was approved at the November 10<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. The applicant has completed the entire application process and building permits can be issued for the project. The design remains the same.

D. 415 N. El Paso

Dr. Ainsworth explained 415 N. El Paso is a distressed property located across from Cleveland Square and the El Paso Public Library. The building has been boarded and secured. Dr. Ainsworth and previous HLC Chair, Mr. Geoffrey Wright, met with the property owner, Mr. Pearson, to discuss projected plans for the property. At that time, Mr. Pearson indicated there were no plans for this property; however, Mr. Pearson had no intention of demolishing the structure.

Commissioner Leal suggested Dr. Ainsworth request a meeting with the family in March or April next year.

Dr. Ainsworth explained the TideMark database used by Development Services Department Staff has tagged all properties with H-Overlay designation with "*H-Overlay warning*". Many years ago an inventory was conducted and a master list compiled, of numerous buildings historically eligible for H-Overlay designation. Those buildings were classified "independent historic structures" some are H-Overlay zoned; however, many were not formally zoned. Dr. Ainsworth explained the property owner must come forward and request the H-Overlay designation. There is no cost to the property owner to rezone H-Overlay.

*Commissioner Leal requested the list be placed on the next HLC agenda for discussion.*

E. Houston Elementary School

Dr. Ainsworth stated he did not have any information regarding Houston Elementary School at this time; however, perhaps after meeting with EPISD officials he may have some information to report.

**HLC Staff Report**

3. None to report

**Development Services Department Report**

4. None to report

**Visionaries in Preservation Report**

5. VIP Manager Presentation

Dr. Ainsworth explained Staff will present the VIP Plan to City Plan Commission at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> CPC meeting.

Commissioner Leal requested Dr. Ainsworth email Commissioners when the item will be on the CPC Agenda.

**Other Business**

6. A. Approval of Historic Landmark Commission Meeting Minutes.  
November 2, 2009

Chair Riccillo asked if Commissioners had any corrections/revisions.

**MOTION:**

Motion made by Chair Riccillo, seconded by Commissioner Leal and unanimously carried **TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES AS THEY STAND.**

Prior to the vote, Chair Riccillo asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

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

**NAYS:** N/A

**ABSTAIN:** N/A

Motion passed. (5-0)

- B. Discussion and action regarding Historic Landmark Commission issues

Chair Riccillo asked Commissioners if there were any other issues to be discussed. There were none.

**MOTION:**

Motion made by Commissioner Suarez, seconded by Commissioner Gardea and unanimously carried **TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 4:44 P.M.**

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

**NAYS:** N/A

Motion passed. (5-0)