



EL PASO HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION

December 5, 2005

El Paso Historic Landmark Commission

Members Present:

Raymond Rutledge, 1st Vice Chair
Daphne Hamilton
Carla Newman
Daniel Delahaye

Members Absent:

Geoffrey Wright
Marilyn Del Rio
Hector De Santiago

Staff/Advisors Present:

Victor Rejino, Community Development Housing Programs
Joel Guzman, Building Permits & Inspections
Christina Valles, Planning Department
Armida Martinez, Planning Department

As duly announced in posted notice Raymond Rutledge, 1st Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Rutledge asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Ms. Christina Valles advised that there were no changes.

Certificate of Demolition

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| 1. | HP05028 | Tract 6-F-4, Block 47, Ysleta Grant |
| | Location: | 9145 Morales Road |
| | Historic District: | Ysleta |
| | Property Owner: | Consuelo Morales |
| | Representative: | Community Development Housing Programs – Victor Rejino |
| | Existing Zoning: | R-4/H (Residential/Historic) |
| | Representative District: | # 1 |
| | Year Built: | 1959 |
| | Contributing Status: | Non-contributing |
| | Request: | Demolish existing dwelling due to structural deficiencies. |
| | Application Filed: | 11/14/05 |
| | 60-Day Expiration: | 01/13/06 |

Ms. Valles gave an overview of the property and provided photographs to the Commission.

Mr. Daniel Delahaye asked Ms. Valles if she knew the period of significance for the district. Ms. Valles stated that she did not have that information on hand.

Mr. Rutledge and Mrs. Daphne Hamilton expressed concern over the lack of an engineer report or documentation that would support a Certificate of Demolition. Mrs. Hamilton further asked if it was appropriate for the Commission to vote on this issue since the provided documentation was incomplete.

Ms. Valles stated that she would have more information at the next meeting and that a representative from Community Development Housing Programs, Mr. Victor Regina was present and would be able to answer any questions the Commission might have.

Mr. Regina advised the Commission that upon inspection of the interior of the property, he observed that the foundation slab was cracked in half and plates were missing. He further advised that due these findings it was determined that an engineering report was not needed.

Mr. Regina further stated that they have been having problems with change orders during the construction aspect of the project so they decided to submit a proposed historic compliance plan for this site to Building Permits & Inspections.

Mr. Rutledge inquired if the plan was to replace the existing structure with a single-family residential structure and his inquiry was confirmed. He also inquired about the issues of the chain link fence located at the front of the property and notation of a new location for the gas meter.

Motion made by Mrs. Hamilton and seconded by Ms. Carla Newman to approve the Certificate of Demolition passed. (3-0)

Administrative Review

2. Administrative Review Report November 2005-Christina Valles

Ms. Valles presented to the Commission the November 2005 Administrative Review report.

Mr. Delahaye had a question reference 901 ½ Mundy. He wanted to know what the reason for replacing the front door was. He further asked if Ms. Valles could include the reason for replacement requests in future Administrative Review Reports.

3. December 23, 2005 deadline for HLC members to request for agenda items to be scheduled for the January 9, 2006 meeting.

4. Feedback from HLC members and general public on compliance

Mr. John Karr wanted to know why no action had been taken in reference to the property located at 301 or 305 W. Yandell even though prior reports have been made. He expressed concern over the serious deterioration of the property.

Mr. Karr also brought up the issue of the signs at the Sunset Height Grocery store and if it would be possible to get approval to restore the advertisement signs to their original state.

Mr. Joel Guzman from Building Permits & Inspections stated that there was a possibility that the address in question might not be located within the historical district.

Mr. Rutledge asked Ms. Valles if an Administrative Review could be put in a future agenda for the property located at 301 or 305 W. Yandell and if she could make sure that it falls within the historic district.

Ms. Valles advised she would verify that the location is within the historic district.

Mr. Delahaye made mention that he was the Sunset Heights Neighborhood Association liaison and stated the he would like to forward items in violation with regard to the historic preservation ordinance to the Commission for feedback.

Ms. Hamilton asked if there was an update in reference to the Fall Mansion. Mr. Guzman advised that there was no update.

Mr. Rutledge asked Mr. Guzman if he could be provided with an update for the next meeting.

5. Building Permits & Inspections Division – Joel Guzman

Mr. Joel Guzman had nothing to report.

6. Planning Division - Christina Valles

Ms. Valles advised the Commission that El Paso was granted "Preserve America Community Status", by First Lady, Mrs. Laura Bush.

7. Approval of the November 7, 2005 meeting minutes.

Motion to approve the November 7, 2005 minutes was made by Mrs. Hamilton and seconded by Ms. Newman passed. (3-0)

Ms. Newman asked if any new people were going to be appointed to the Commission.

Ms. Valles advised the Commission that there was a new member appointed to the Commission, Mr. Hector De Santiago, but was unable to attend the present meeting.

Ms. Valles also stated that she was hoping to get Ms. Marilyn Del Rio reappointed.

Being no further business to come before the Historic Landmark Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Armida Martinez
Secretary