



EL PASO HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MINUTES
2nd FLOOR CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
April 17, 2006
4:00 P.M.

The El Paso Historic Landmark Commission held a public hearing in City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor of the City Hall Building on Monday, April 17, 2006, at 4:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Commission Members Present:

Raymond Rutledge
Daniel Delahaye
Russell Sackett
Hector de Santiago
Geoffrey Wright

Others Present:

Christina Valles, Planner II
Joel Guzman, Chief Plans Examiner
Nancy M. Spencer, Recording Secretary

Board Members Absent:

Daphne Hamilton
Carla Newman

Agenda

Chair Raymond Rutledge called the Historic Landmark Commission meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

Administrative Review

1. Administrative Review Report: April 2006-Christina Valles

Christina Valles, Planner II, provided a copy of the Administrative Review report to commission members. Commissioner Sackett requested that the contributing status be listed on future administrative review reports.

Chair's Comments

2. April 14, 2006 deadline for HLC members to request for agenda items to be scheduled for the May 1, 2006 meeting.

Commission members were advised of the correct date of April 28, 2006 to submit agenda items and May 15, 2006 as the next Historic Landmark Commission meeting.

3. Feedback from HLC members and general public on compliance
 1. Austin Terrace Historic District
 2. Chihuahueta Historic District
 3. Downtown Historic District
 4. Magoffin Heights Historic District
 5. Manhattan Heights Historic District
 6. Mission Trail Historic Corridor and District

7. San Francisco Historic District
8. Sunset Heights Historic District
9. Ysleta Historic District
10. Independent Historic Structures

Commission member Daniel Delahaye advised that he has been appointed as Chair of a committee within the County Historical Commission.

Commission member Geoffrey Wright advised that commission member Hector De Santiago is the president-elect of the AIA local chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

The commission discussed **4509 Trowbridge** reference the landscaping. Christinal Valles, advised that the complaint has been forwarded to Building Permits and Inspections.

The commission discussed **1129 Magoffin**. Joel Guzman, Chief Plans Examiner gave an update on the work being done at that address.

Joel Guzman provided an update on the residence at **2731 Portland**.

Joel Guzman provided an update on the two-story residence located on **Yandell Street** in the Sunset Heights Historic District.

There was discussion on the **Freight Depot** located right before entering the freeway.

4. Building Permits & Inspections Division Report, Joel Guzman

No report was given at this time.

5. Planning Division Report, Christina Valles

Christina Valles, Planner II gave an update of the historic preservation Ordinance 20.67 draft and commission members were provided with a copy draft for review. This item will be addressed at the next meeting.

Items for discussion and action

6. Discussion and action to submit comments to the Texas Historical Commission on the proposed Alamito Complex HOPE VI Revitalization Plan.

Christina Valles, Planner II gave a presentation on the proposed project. The commission was informed that after the Texas Historical Commission reviewed the proposal, and determined the area designated for revitalization is eligible for listing and determined that it would be an adverse effect to tear down all of the housing units. THC is requesting that the Housing Authority retain the units that are flanking the community center. However, because of how the revitalization plan has been designed it would not be feasible for the housing authority to retain those existing units. The Housing Authority is asking the Historic Landmark Commission to issue a letter of support for the project to the Texas Historical Commission. Commissioner Delahaye requested that the commission be provided the original letter of determination and the memorandum of understanding prior to making a decision.

Motion made by Hector De Santiago to postpone this item until the May 1st, 2006 meeting until the commission has information on this project, seconded by Daniel Delahaye, and unanimously carried.

7. Discussion and action to submit comments to the Texas Historical Commission on special permit #ZON05-00148 for a proposed T-Mobile cellular telecommunications facility on the corner of Oregon and River on property owned by the Woman's Club of El Paso.

The commission discussed what to cover in the letter, which would be forwarded to Mr. Larry Oaks with the Texas Historical Commission.

A motion made by Geoffrey Wright to send this letter and authorize commission member Daniel Delahaye to write this letter.

Chair Raymond Rutledge recommended drafting this letter and putting this as an item on the agenda for the next meeting for review, for any changes and then send it to the Texas Historical Commission.

Geoffrey Wright amended his motion to include those comments in his motion, seconded by Russell Sackett, and unanimously carried.

Chair Raymond Rutledge advised that he drafted a letter, which has been reviewed by the Legal Department and forwarded to Christina Valles addressing the cell tower. This letter will be sent to the City Manager, City Plan Commission and the Texas Historical Commission.

8. Approval of the December 19, 2005 meeting minutes.

Motion to approve the December 19, 2005 meeting minutes, seconded by Hector De Santiago, passed. Russell Sackett abstained from vote.

9. Approval of the March 20, 2006 meeting minutes.

Two corrections were made to the minutes, Page 3, under item 7, paragraph two should state the City Plan Commission and in the last paragraph on page 3, it should state **too** much of.

Motion made by Hector De Santiago to approve the March 20, 2006 meeting minutes with the two corrections, seconded by Daniel Delahaye, passed. Geoffrey Wright abstained.

10. Approval of the April 3, 2006 meeting minute

Commission member Daniel Delahaye advised that the vote for Item 7 at the April 3, 2006 meeting consisted of three votes in favor of postponing this item until the April 3, 2006 meeting and one vote in opposition to the motion. (3-1)

Commission member Hector De Santiago advised he was not present at the April 3, 2006 meeting as noted in the minutes.

Motion made by Daniel Delahaye to approve the April 3, 2006 minutes with the corrections noted, seconded by Russell Sackett passed. Geoffrey Wright and Hector DeSantiago abstained from vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Nancy M. Spencer
Secretary