

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF CAMERON §

MINUTES of the Public Meeting of the **HERITAGE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE** held at 1150 E. Adams St., Planning Department, Brownsville, Texas, 78520, on Friday, April 01st, 2016 at 7:30 a.m., with the following members present:

Voting Members Present

Murad Abulsalim, Council Member
Jose Luis Alanis, Council Member
Anthony Knopp, Council Member
Larry Lof, Council Member
Reba McNair, Council Member
Serena Putegnat, Council Member

Nonvoting Members Present

Maria Valdez, Alternate
Calvin Walker, Alternate

Members Absent

Fernando Balli, Council Member
Hugo Colon, Council Member
Trey Mendez, Chairman

City Staff

Peter Goodman, Downtown Manager
Juan Velez, Heritage Preservation Officer

I - CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Seeing that a quorum was present, Council Member Anthony Knopp called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

II - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes approved.

III -PUBLIC HEARING(S) ON CLASS L1/ A2/L2-PERMIT(S)

1. 1000 E. Adams St.: To Allow Replacement of Frame Windows

Juan Velez, HPO, presented photos of the current window conditions, and replacement windows as well.

Once Public Hearing was opened and closed, Council Member Anthony Knopp moved to **approve** the replacement of frame windows. The motion was seconded by Luis Alanis, and carried unanimously.

2. 1634 W Adams St.: To Allow Replacement of Frame Window and Windows
Juan Velez, HPO, reviewed the guidelines regarding non historic windows. Pictures of the condition of the current window and replacements were presented to the board.

Once Public Hearing was opened and closed, Council Member Larry Lof moved to **approve** the replacement window with traditional wooden frame. The motion was seconded by Anthony Knopp, and carried unanimously.

3. 1224 E Washington St.: To Allow Painting of Front Façade for El Conquistador

Juan Velez, HPO, reviewed the guidelines regarding this matter. He also presented renders of the new design.

Once Public Hearing was opened and closed, Council Member Anthony Knopp moved to **approve** the painting of front façade this building with the condition that owner paints the rap around. The motion was seconded by Murad Abulsalim, and carried unanimously.

4. 125 W 13th St.: To Allow Car Port Side Closure

Juan Velez, HPO, presented photos of the property where the car port side will be closed. After Public Hearing was opened, board members discussed the renders and the structure of the closure of this port.

Once Public Hearing was closed, Council Member Anthony Knopp moved to **approve** this item with the condition that columns stay and are not covered. Colors and wood need to match the existing shed. The motion was seconded by Larry Lof, and carried unanimously.

5. 855 E Taylor St.: To Allow the Demolition of a Rear Building

Juan Velez, HPO, presented photos of the condition of this property. After Public Hearing was opened, board members discussed the condition of this property and the plans of the reconstruction if any were planned.

Once Public Hearing was opened and closed, Council Member Larry Lof moved to **table** this item until owner of the property can attend meeting in order for item to be discussed in detail. The motion was seconded by Murad Abulsalim, and carried unanimously.

6. 15 W 8th St.: To Allow a Canopy

Juan Velez, HPO, presented photos of the proposed design. After Public Hearing was opened, board members reviewed the photos provided, since canopy being proposed has already been built.

Once Public Hearing was opened and closed, Council Member Anthony Knopp moved to **deny** due to the canopy was built without permit. It was seconded by Murad Abulsalim, and carried unanimously.

Discussion sued that penalties according to the Heritage Ordinance previewing code violations and resulting fine, should be enforced as per the Heritage ordinance. Moved by Reba MacNair and second by Murad Abusalim, it was **approved** unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes approved on this 22 day of June, 2016



Trey Mendez,
Chairman Heritage Council