

**THE STATE OF TEXAS     §**  
**CITY OF BROWNSVILLE   §**  
**COUNTY OF CAMERON     §**

**MINUTES** of the Public Meeting of the **HERITAGE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE** held at 1034 E. Levee St., Planning Department, Brownsville, Texas, 78520, on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 5:30 p.m., with the following members present:

**Voting Members Present**

Murad Abusalim, Council Member  
Jose Luis Alanis, Council Member  
Fernando Balli, Council Member  
Larry Lof, Council Member  
Reba McNair, Council Member  
Serena Putegnat, Council Member  
Calvin Walker, Council Member

**Nonvoting Members Present**

Esthela Valdez, Alternate

**Members Absent**

Hugo Colon, Council Member  
Rolando Garza, Council Member  
Anthony Knopp, Council Member  
Trey Mendez, Chairman  
Vanessa Mancha, Alternate  
Renee Sanchez, Alternate

**City Staff**

Peter Goodman, Downtown Manage  
Juan Velez, Heritage Preservation Officer

**I - CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Seeing that a quorum was present, Council Member Calvin Walker called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**II - APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of minutes were tabled for following meeting.

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

**1. Approval of new ordinances to govern the Brownsville Historic Old City Cemetery, and three amendments on the Municipal Code.**

New ordinances were presented to board members for their review. Discussion regarding approval for these ordinances was made among all board members, but Mr. Gene Fernandez explained revisions had to be made at a later date. Since presentation was only intended for introduction, no motion needed to be made.

**2. 910 E Filmore St.: To Allow a New Carport**

Juan Velez, HPO, presented photos of the property, its surroundings and proposed design layout. Recommendation to approve this item was also given by Mr. Velez. Issues with the driveway being added to the addition of the new carport were discussed.

Once Public Hearing was opened and closed, Council Larry Lof moved to **approve** the new carport. The motion was seconded by Fernando Balli, and carried unanimously.

**3. 744 W 17<sup>th</sup> St.: To Allow to Repair Iron Stairs and Framing of Carport**

Juan Velez, HPO, presented images of the current conditions of the property.

Once Public Hearing was opened and closed, Council Larry Lof moved to **table** the approval to repair the iron stairs and framing of carport, due to the lack of information provided by the owner and her absence. The motion was seconded by Murad Abusalim, and carried unanimously.

**4. 1154 E Taylor St.: To Demolish Old Store**

Juan Velez, HPO, presented interior and exterior photos of the item being proposed. Mr. Velez noted that owner of the property only wants to demolish this building, and there are no plans on rebuilding.

Once Public Hearing was opened and closed, Council Jose Luis Alanis moved to **approve** the demolition of the old store. The motion was seconded by Larry Lof, and carried unanimously.

**III -Historic Preservation items**

Discussion among board members regarding the demolition by neglect. Photos were presented by Mr. Velez and reviewed by board members.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes approved on this 14 day of Sept., 2016

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Trey Mendez", written over a horizontal line.

**Trey Mendez,  
Chairman Heritage Council**

