

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 Friday, July 1st, 2016 at 12:00 p.m., with the following members present:

Voting Members Present

Murad Abusalim, Council Member
Hugo Colon, Council Member
Rolando Garza, Council Member
Larry Lof, Council Member
Reba McNair, Council Member
Calvin Walker, Council Member

Members Absent

Jose Luis Alanis, Council Member
Fernando Balli, Council Member
Anthony Knopp, Council Member
Trey Mendez, Chairman
Serena Putegnat, Council Member
Renee Sanchez, Alternate
Esthela Valdez, Alternate

City Staff

Peter Goodman, Downtown Manager
Juan Velez, Historic Preservation Officer

I - CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Seeing that a quorum was present, Council Member Trey Mendez called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

II - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. April 20, 2016**
- 2. April 27, 2016**
- 3. May 11, 2016**
- 4. May 25, 2016**

Council Calvin Walker moved to approve minutes presented to the board. The motion was seconded by Rolando Garza, and carried unanimously.

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

1. 1222 W Saint Francis St.: To Allow a New Design for a Single House

Juan Velez, HPO, introduced the proposal. Calvin Walker suggested a continuous slab for the sidewalk, rather than the actual step shown, considering the age of the owners. Reba McNair suggested a car parking area to allow two cars parking one behind the other to the right (40'). With these changes, Calvin Walker moved to **approve** this item, seconded by Rolando Garza. One member abstained du the conflict of interests.

2. 744 W 17th St.: To Allow a Repairing of Staircase and Demolition of Carport.

Juan Velez, HPO, introduced photos of the property, its carport and the sketch proposing a new staircase. With the replacement of an enclosed step for the staircase, to be reviewed by the Building Department for their technical approval, and once closed the Public Hearing, Reba McNair moved to **approve** the design, second by Rolando Garza. The motion passed with 5 votes to one.

3. 1635 E Taylor St.: To Allow a Front Porch Addition

Juan Velez, HPO, introduced the current situation of the house and the proposed change.

Once Public Hearing was opened and closed, Murad Abusalim moved to **approve** this item, seconded by Hugo Colon, and carried unanimously.

4. 943 E Taylor St.: To Allow Closing a Carport

Juan Velez, HPO, introduced photographs of the actual situation, and explained the intention of the owner, giving the building material samples.

Once Public Hearing was closed, Larry Lof moved to **approved**, seconded by Rolando Garza, and carried unanimously.

IV. Historic Preservation items

No items introduced.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes approved on this 28 day of Sept, 2016



Trey Mendez,
Chairman Heritage Council