

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 22nd, 2016 at 12:00 p.m., with the following members present:

Voting Members Present

Murad Abusalim, Council Member
Fernando Balli, Council Member
Hugo Colon, Council Member
Rolando Garza, Council Member
Larry Lof, Council Member
Reba McNair, Council Member
Trey Mendez, Chairman
Serena Putegnat, Council Member
Calvin Walker, Council Member

Nonvoting Members Present

Vanessa Mancha, Alternate

Members Absent

Jose Luis Alanis, Council Member
Anthony Knopp, Council Member
Renee Sanchez, Alternate
Esthela Valdez, Alternate

City Staff

Peter Goodman, Downtown Manage
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. June 8, 2016**
- 2. June 22, 2016**

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

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

1. 432 E Saint Charles St.: To Allow an Extension on the Rear of the House

Juan Velez, HPO, introduced the current condition of the property, and proposed changes. Owner of the home gave brief explanation of the proposed extension on the rear house. Elevation issues were discussed among board members. Calvin Walker suggested the addition of a window in the master bath.

Once Public Hearing was opened and closed, Council Calvin Walker moved to **approve** this item with an addition of a window in the master bath. The motion was seconded by Hugo Colon, and carried unanimously.

2. 2434 E Ringgold St.: To Allow a New Dwelling

Juan Velez, HPO, introduced photos of the property, its surroundings and proposed design layout. Colors and samples of the material that will be used, were presented to the board members. Larry Lof and Calvin Walker suggested the owner to use HardiePlank siding due maintenance and resistance purposes, but the owner explained why his preference was wood. Color selection was discussed among board members and owners of the home. Murad Abusalim recommended the addition of two more columns in front of the home.

Once Public Hearing was opened and closed, Council Murad Abusalim moved to **approve** the new dwelling with recommendations concerning colors discussed during meeting. The motion was seconded by Hugo Colon, and carried unanimously.

3. 924 E Taylor St.: To Allow New Driveway and Sidewalk

Juan Velez, HPO, introduced the current condition of this property and drawings for the proposed changes. Addition of a curve on proposed driveway was suggested by Calvin Walker.

Once Public Hearing was opened and closed, Council Larry Lof moved to **table** this item due to the absence and information needed from the owner. The motion was seconded by Serena Putegnat, and carried unanimously.

4. 145 E 6th St.: To Allow a New Front Porch

Juan Velez, HPO, introduced the front porch showing before and after the addition proposed. The owner has not received a permit for any of the changes made to the property.

Once Public Hearing was opened and closed, Council Calvin Walker moved to **table** this item seeking more information. The motion was seconded by Rolando Garza, and carried unanimously.

5. 1824 Palm Blvd.: To Allow the Porch Addition, Bedroom Expansion, Bathroom Remodel and New Fence

Fernando Balli, Designer, presented renderings of the new design and explained in detail the proposed changes. Mr. Balli addressed concerns regarding the addition of the fence being requested. He also noted that colors will be introduced for approval at a later meeting.

Once Public Hearing was opened and closed, Calvin Walker moved to **approve** the porch, painting of the brick, and addition of three columns suggested during meeting, but no arches. The motion was seconded by Larry Lof. The motion was carried with five yea, three nay and one abstention (last one due conflict of interest).

IV. Historic Preservation items

1.1 1114 E Washington St. Olvera Building- Renovation & Curb cut.
No Presentation was done.

1.2 142 W Fronton St. – Demolition & New Construction.
Mr. Velez introduced the current condition of the house. Owner of the property gave a brief explanation as to why the property needs to be demolished. Trey Mendez requested the history of the home to be presented on a following meeting.

1.3 567 W Jefferson St. – Demolition & New Construction.
Owner of the property is requesting demolition and provided photos of the intended new construction. HPDRB do prefer another design which would match better with the Historic District.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes approved on this 28 day of Sept, 2016



**Trey Mendez,
Chairman Heritage Council**

