

**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 Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 5:30 p.m., with the following members present:

**Voting Members Present**

Murad Abusalim, Council Member  
Fernando Balli, 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  
Hugo Colon, Council Member  
Anthony Knopp, Council Member  
Trey Mendez, Chairman  
Vanessa Mancha, Alternate  
Serena Putegnat, Council Member  
Renee Sanchez, Alternate  
Esthela Valdez, 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 05:34 p.m.

**II - APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No minutes approved.

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

#### 1. 1114 E Washington St.: To Allow the Restoration Plan

Larry Lof, owner of the property, introduced an original drawing showing the building during the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, and renderings of the proposed design, along with the history of the property. Mr. Lof gave a detail explanation of all proposed changes (shutters, transom windows, structure, possibilities of an interior parking space), addressing concerns, the Public Hearing was closed.

Murad Abusalim moved to **approve** the restoration plan presented. The motion was seconded by Fernando Balli, and carried unanimously, except one abstention due conflict of interest.

### IV. Historic Preservation items

#### 1.1 1046 W Levee St. – Fence

Mr. Velez introduced photos of the property and the fence subject to discussion. He gave a brief explanation as to why this fence was built without a permit: Owner is aware that the permit will no longer be valid once her mother (which has Alzheimer's disease) is deceased. Board members suggested Mr. Velez work on a deed lien restriction for the agreement made with the owner of the property.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes approved on this 28 day of Sept, 2016



**Trey Mendez,**  
**Chairman Heritage Council**