



City of Galveston

MINUTES OF THE LANDMARK COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON REGULAR MEETING – December 4, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Baker, Bourgeois (Alternate), Click, Fitz, Flint-Budde, Johnson (Alternate), Patterson, Councilmember Collins

Members Absent: Alberstadt, Stetzel-Thompson

Staff Present: Catherine Gorman, AICP, Assistant Director/ Historic Preservation Officer; Daniel Lunsford, Senior Planner; Donna Fairweather, Assistant City Attorney; Karina Rosales, Planning Technician.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November 6, 2023, minutes were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Please see the attached list for presentations to the Commission.

CONSENT AGENDA

23LC-050 (2805 Avenue O) Request for Verification as a participant in the Substantial Rehabilitation for Historic Properties Tax Exemption program. Property is legally described as the M. B. Menard Survey, Lots 3 through 7 and the East 10-10 feet of Lot 2, Northwest Block 65, Galveston Outlots, in the City and County of Galveston, Texas.

Applicant: Brent Robinson

Property Owner: Brent Robinson and Thurman Nassoij

Staff presented the Consent Agenda.

The Chairperson called for questions or comments from the Commission. The following votes were cast:

In favor: Baker, Bourgeois (Alternate), Click, Fitz, Flint-Budde, Johnson (Alternate), Patterson

Opposed: None

Absent: Alberstadt, Stetzel-Thompson

Non-voting participant: Councilmember Collins

The Consent Agenda was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS AND ASSOCIATED PUBLIC HEARINGS

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

23LC-051 (2309 Harborside/Avenue A) Request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for alterations to the structure including the installation of a new door. Property is legally described as the M. B. Menard Survey, Lot 3R (4-0), Amending Plat, Block 683, in the City and County of Galveston, Texas.

Applicant: Michael Gaertner, Sr., Architect
Property Owners: Armour & Butterowe, LLC

Staff presented the report and noted that six public hearing notices were sent, and none returned.

Chairperson Patterson opened the public hearing on the case. The public hearing was closed, and the Chairperson called for a motion.

Vice-Chairperson Click made a motion to approve the request with Staff's Recommendations.

Commissioner Fitz seconded.

The Chairperson called for questions or comments from the Commission. The following votes were cast:

In favor:	Baker, Bourgeois (Alternate), Click, Fitz, Flint-Budde, Johnson (Alternate), Patterson
Opposed:	None
Absent:	Alberstadt, Stetzel-Thompson
Non-voting participant:	Councilmember Collins

The motion passed.

23LC-052 (1124 24th Street) Request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for alterations to the structure including a rear addition. Property is legally described as M.B. Menard Survey, Lots 12, 13, 14 & West 1/2 of Lot 11 & South 1/2 Of Adjacent Alley, Block 83, in the City and County of Galveston, Texas.

Applicant: Brax Easterwood, AIA
Property Owners: William and Tina Mathers

Staff presented the report and noted that six public hearing notices were sent, and none returned.

Chairperson Patterson opened the public hearing on the case. Genoveva Vazquez, representative of the applicant, gave a presentation to the Commission. The public hearing was closed, and the Chairperson called for a motion.

Vice-Chairperson Click made a motion to approve the request with Staff's Recommendations.

Commissioner Flint-Budde seconded.

The Chairperson called for questions or comments from the Commission. The following votes were cast:

In favor:	Baker, Bourgeois (Alternate), Click, Fitz, Flint-Budde, Johnson (Alternate), Patterson
Opposed:	None
Absent:	Alberstadt, Stetzel-Thompson
Non-voting participant:	Councilmember Collins

The motion passed.

23LC-053 (1227 Broadway / Avenue J) Request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for modifications to the front and rear structure. Property is legally described as M.B. Menard Survey Lot 1, Block 132, in the City and County of Galveston, Texas.

Applicant: Brax Easterwood, AIA

Property Owners: William and Jane Sass

Staff presented the report and noted that four public hearing notices were sent, and none returned.

Chairperson Patterson opened the public hearing on the case. Brax Easterwood, applicant, gave a presentation to the Commission. The public hearing was closed, and the Chairperson called for a motion.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve the request with Staff's Recommendations, striking Condition 1.a.

Vice-Chairperson Click seconded.

The Chairperson called for questions or comments from the Commission. The following votes were cast:

In favor:	Baker, Bourgeois (Alternate), Click, Fitz, Flint-Budde, Johnson (Alternate), Patterson
Opposed:	None
Absent:	Alberstadt, Stetzel-Thompson
Non-voting participant:	Councilmember Collins

The motion passed.

23LC-054 (1208 Church / Avenue F) Request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for new construction. Property is legally described as M.B. Menard Survey, Lot 9, Block 432, in the City and County of Galveston, Texas.

Applicant: Brax Easterwood, AIA

Property Owners: Nicholas and Wanda Fontana

Staff presented the report and noted that 30 public hearing notices were sent, and one had been returned in favor.

Chairperson Patterson opened the public hearing on the case. Genoveva Vazquez, representative of the applicant, and Brax Easterwood, applicant, gave a presentation to the Commission. Please see the attached list for additional comments to the Commission. The public hearing was closed, and the Chairperson called for a motion.

Vice-Chairperson Click made a motion to approve the request with Staff's Recommendations, striking Condition 1.a.

Commissioner Baker seconded.

The Chairperson called for questions or comments from the Commission. The following votes were cast:

In favor:	Baker, Bourgeois (Alternate), Click, Fitz, Flint-Budde, Johnson (Alternate), Patterson
Opposed:	None
Absent:	Alberstadt, Stetzel-Thompson
Non-voting participant:	Councilmember Collins

The motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The 2024 Meeting Schedule was distributed to the Commission.

Staff opened the "National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) FORUM" discussion item. The deadline for application is December 8, 2023.

Staff opened the “Texas Historical Commission, Certified Local Government Grant application (Staff)” discussion item and briefed the Commission on a recent grant application submittal. The application is to request funding for a survey of African-American Heritage sites.

Staff opened the “The Portal to Texas History slide scanning project (Staff)” discussion item and briefed the Commission on the status of the scanning of slides from the 1993 designation of the Lost Bayou Historic District.

Staff opened the “Post-Approval Process/ Code Enforcement” discussion item and briefed the Commission on the code enforcement processes.

Commissioner Baker requested a discussion item of “2015 Historic Site Survey/Non-Conforming Status” be added to the next agenda.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:01 PM

