

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

JUNE 4, 2020

The Historic Preservation Advisory Board of the City of McKinney, Texas met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Lance Hammond, Ian Beirnes, Shannon Burton, Chris Tovar, and Alternate Nina Ringley

Board Member Absent: Vice-Chairman Jonathan Ball, Betty Petkovsek, and Carl R. Smith

Staff Present: Assistant Director of Planning Mark Doty, Historic Preservation Officer Guy Giersch, and Administrative Assistant Terri Ramey

There were two guests present.

Chairman Hammond called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. after determining a quorum was present.

Chairman Hammond called for Public Comments for non-public hearing agenda items. There were no public comments.

Chairman Hammond called for consideration of the Consent Agenda. The Board unanimously approved the motion by Board Member Burton, seconded by Board Member Beirnes, to approve the following consent item, with a vote of 4-0-0:

20-0439 Minutes of the Historic Preservation Advisory Board Meeting of March 5, 2020.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Board Member Tovar arrived at 5:40 p.m.

Chairman Hammond continued the agenda with the Regular Agenda Items.

20-003HTM Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider/Discuss/Act on the Request by Diane Craig for Approval of a Historic Marker for the House Located at 309 North Bengue Street. Mr. Guy Giersch, Historic Preservation Officer for the City of McKinney, explained the historic marker application. He discussed the history of the house and the previous property owners. Mr. Giersch stated that Staff was recommending approval of a historic

marker for 309 North Benge Street and offered to answer questions. Ms. Diane Craig, 309 North Benge Street, McKinney, TX, concurred with the Staff Report and offered to answer questions. Board Member Burton asked if the property had ever been part of the church property. Ms. Craig stated that the property was never part of the church; however, there has been some property donated for the church parking area. Board Member Burton asked if Ms. Craig planned to make any modifications to the property. Ms. Craig said no and briefly mentioned some of the previous work done to the house. Chairman Hammond opened the public hearing and called for comments. There being none, on a motion by Commission Member Beirnes, seconded by Commission Member Tovar, the Commission unanimously voted to close the public hearing and approve the request as recommended by Staff, with a vote of 5-0-0.

20-003HT Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider/Discuss/Act on the Request by Diane Craig for Approval of a Level 1 Historic Neighborhood Improvement Zone Tax Exemption for the House Located at 309 North Benge Street. Mr. Guy Giersch, Historic Preservation Officer for the City of McKinney, explained the proposed Level 1 Historic Neighborhood Improvement Zone Tax Exemption request. He stated that Staff was recommending approval of the Level 1 Tax Exemption for 309 North Benge Street. Mr. Giersch stated that the ad valorem taxes for this property in 2020 are approximately \$2,296. He offered to answer questions. There were none. Ms. Diane Craig, 309 North Benge Street, McKinney, TX, concurred with the Staff Report and offered to answer questions. Board Member Beirnes asked Ms. Craig if she plans to reinvest the tax incentive money back into the property. Ms. Craig said absolutely and that there were various projects that would be needed around the property. Chairman Hammond opened the public hearing and called for comments. There being none, on a motion by Commission

Member Tovar, seconded by Commission Member Burton, the Commission unanimously voted to close the public hearing and approve the request as recommended by Staff, with a vote of 5-0-0.

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

Chairman Hammond continued the agenda with the Discussion Items.

- 20-0440** Discuss the 2020-2021 Calendar for the Preserve Historic McKinney Home Recognition Program Calendar. The Board and Staff discussed the calendar. Mr. Giersch gave an overview on the current status of the calendar. Alternate Board Member Ringley questioned why we raise funds by selling calendar advertisements to pay for the printing of the calendar, instead of the City funding the expense. The Board felt the calendar shared a good deal of information on McKinney's history and current events. They thought it was an excellent tool to promote the Historic District. Staff offered to check into that option and would let the Board know the results.

END OF DISCUSSION ITEMS

There being no further business, on a motion by Board Member Beirnes, seconded by Board Member Tovar, the Board unanimously approved the motion to adjourn the meeting, with a vote of 5-0-0. Chairman Hammond declared the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

LANCE HAMMOND
Chairman