

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

FEBRUARY 6, 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, February 6, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairperson Lance Hammond, Vice-Chairperson Jonathan Ball, Ian Beirnes, Shannon Burton, Carl R. Smith, Chris Tovar, and Betty Petkovsek - Alternate

Board Member Absent: Erika Reardon

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

There were two guests present.

Chairperson Hammond called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. after determining a quorum was present.

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

The Board unanimously approved the motion by Board Member Burton, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ball, to approve the following consent item, with a vote of 6-0-0:

20-0113 Minutes of the Historic Preservation Advisory Board Regular Meeting of December 5, 2019.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chairperson Hammond continued the agenda with the Regular Agenda Items.

20-0004HTM Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider/Discuss/Act on the Request by Ms. Robbie Chandler for Approval of a Historic Marker for the House Located at 608 West Virginia 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 608 West Virginia Street and offered to answer questions. There were none. Ms. Roberta (Robbie) Chandler, 608 West Virginia Street, McKinney, TX, stated that she purchase the property in May 2016 and has spent approximately \$75,000 renovating the inside of the house with new plumbing, new electrical, new foundation, and French plumbing around the outside of the structure due to a well on the west side of the property. She stated that there are 32 windows in the house that were sealed shut. Ms. Chandler stated that she has been able to get two windows in each of the rooms open and added screens to those windows, which allow for air flow through the house. She stated that she would like to have the house professionally painted and repair of the remaining windows. Vice-Chairman Ball asked if Ms. Chandler plans to sell the house after the sizable amount of money she had invested in the property. Ms. Chandler said no and that she plans to stay there. She stated that she knew the previous property owner and that they did a private sale to her without putting the property on the market. Board Member Burton asked if the property was still a duplex. Ms. Chandler stated no, that it was back to being a single family structure. She stated that her house was on Chestnut Square's Holiday Tour of Homes this past December. Ms. Chandler stated that was a nice accolade for the house. Chairman Hammond opened the public hearing and called for comments. There being none, on a motion by Board Member Tovar, seconded by Alternate Board Member Petkovsek, the Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing and approve the request as recommended by Staff, with a vote of 6-0-0.

20-0004HT Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider/Discuss/Act on the Request by Ms. Robbie Chandler for Approval of a Level 1 Historic Neighborhood Improvement Zone Tax Exemption for the House Located at 608 West Virginia 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 608 West Virginia Street. Mr. Giersch stated that the ad valorem taxes for this property in 2020 are approximately \$1,752. Ms. Roberta (Robbie) Chandler, 608 West Virginia Street, McKinney, TX, stated that she plans to make improvements to the interior of the house. She stated that the house has the original floors, windows, and various fixtures that she wants to maintain. Vice-Chairman Ball asked if there was a clawfoot tub in the house. Ms. Chandler said yes. Chairman Hammond opened the public hearing and called for comments, there being none, on a motion by Vice-Chairman Ball, seconded by Board Member Beirnes, the Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing and approve the request as recommended by staff, with a vote of 6-0-0.

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

Board Member Smith arrived at 5:53 p.m.

Chairman Hammond continued the agenda with the Discussion Item.

- 20-0114** Discuss Historic Home Recognition Program Calendar. Mr. Guy Giersch, Historic Preservation Officer for the City of McKinney, gave an update on the Historic Home Recognition Program Calendars. He stated that the 2019-2020 calendar had been tremendously successful. Mr. Giersch stated that many of the advertisement spaces had already been claimed for the 2020-2021 calendar. He asked the Board to contact the remaining calendar advertisers regarding repurchasing their calendar advertisement spaces in this coming calendar. Mr. Giersch discussed having a special anniversary issue for the 2021-2022 calendar that would feature the best of each of the previous. Mr. Giersch asked the Board to be prepared to discuss their various ideas regarding an anniversary calendar at the next Board meeting.

END OF THE DISCUSSION ITEM

There being no further business, on a motion by Board Member Smith, seconded by Board Member Tovar, the Board unanimously approved the motion to adjourn the meeting, with a vote of 6-0-0. Chairperson Hammond declared the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

LANCE HAMMOND
Chairman