

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

DECEMBER 5, 2019

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, December 5, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

City Council Present: Charlie Phillips

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

Board Member Absent: Chairman Lance Hammond and Erika Reardon

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

There were four guests present.

Vice-Chairman Ball called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. after determining a quorum was present.

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

The Board unanimously approved the motion by Board Member Beirnes, seconded by Board Member Tovar, to approve the following consent item, with a vote of 5-0-0:

19-0983 Minutes of the Historic Preservation Advisory Board Regular Meeting of November 7, 2019

END OF CONSENT ITEMS

Board Member Smith arrived.

Vice-Chairman Ball continued the agenda with the Regular Agenda Item.

19-0021HTM Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider/Discuss/Act on the Request by Pat Dowell for Approval of a Historic Marker for the House Located at 700 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 700 West Virginia Street and offered to answer questions. The Board Members asked about the maintenance done on the house. Mr. Giersch was unaware of any add-ons or sections that had been rebuilt. He stated that the structure had been painted in the last five years. Mr. Giersch stated that the narratives typically focuses on one main person that live at the property and their relatives. Ms. Nina Dowell Ringley, 313 N. Benge Street, McKinney, TX, stated that she was representing Ms. Pat Dowell. She explained the Historic Marker application. Ms. Ringley shared more history on the property and previous owners. Vice-Chairman Ball opened the public hearing and called for comments. There being none, on a motion by Board Member Beirnes, 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.

19-0021HT Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider/Discuss/Act on the Request by Pat Dowell for Approval of a Level 1 Historic Neighborhood Improvement Zone Tax Exemption for the House Located at 700 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 700 West Virginia Street. Mr. Giersch stated that the ad valorem taxes for this property in 2019 were approximately \$1,839. He offered to answer questions. There were none. Ms. Nina Dowell Ringley, 313 N. Benge Street, McKinney, TX, concurred with the Staff report and offered to answer questions. Vice-Chairman Ball asked if there were any home improvements needed that the tax savings would be used towards. Ms. Ringley felt nothing major needed to be done to the house; however, there were ongoing small maintenance needs for older houses. Alternate Board Member Petkovsek stated that older houses need custom maintenance which

tends to be more expensive. Vice-Chairman Ball opened the public hearing and called for comments, there being none, on a motion by Board Member Burton, seconded by Board Member Smith, 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

Vice-Chairman Ball continued the agenda with the Discussion Item.

19-0984 Discuss the Historic Home Recognition Program. Mr. Guy Giersch gave an update on the annual calendar project. Board Member Burton and Mr. Giersch thanked Terri Ramey for all of her work on the calendar.

There being no further business, on a motion by Board Member Beirnes, seconded by Board Member Smith, the Board unanimously approved the motion to adjourn the meeting, with a vote of 6-0-0. Vice-Chairman Ball declared the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

JONATHAN BALL
Vice-Chairman