

**THE STATE OF TEXAS §  
CITY OF BROWNSVILLE §  
COUNTY OF CAMERON §**

**MINUTES** of the Public Meeting of the **HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND DESIGN REVIEW BOARD OF THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE** held at the Commission Chambers, on the Second Floor of the Brownsville City Hall – Old Federal Building, located at 1001 East Elizabeth St., Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas, 78520, on **Wednesday, February 26, 2020** at **12:00 p.m.**, with the following members present:

**Voting Members Present**

Calvin Walker, Chairman  
Lawrence Lof, Board Member  
Shannon Ostos, Board Member  
Joseph A. Rodriguez, Board Member  
Philip Samponaro, Board Member

**Voting Members Absent**

Rolando Garza, Board Member  
Tara Putegnat, Board Member

**City Staff**

Alfredo Padilla, Deputy City Attorney  
Miriam Suarez, Downtown District Manager  
Juan Velez, Historic Preservation Officer (HPO)  
Eleazar Rodriguez, Plans Examiner Supervisor

**I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

With a quorum present, Chairman Calvin Walker called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Calvin Walker asked for a correction of the minutes which included a misspelling of Rolando Garza's name. Board Member Shannon Ostos moved to **approve** the February 14, 2020 minutes with the aforementioned correction; motion was seconded by Board Member Philip Samponaro, and **carried unanimously**.

**III. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**1. Public Hearing and ACTION to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to build a rear Restroom and Storage Building at 925 W. St. Charles St.**

Board Member Lawrence moved to **approve** the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness with the condition that fake windows with shutters be installed in the façade of the building facing W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Motion was seconded by Board Member Joseph A. Rodriguez.

**Ayes** - Board Members Calvin Walker, Lawrence Lof, Shannon Ostos, Joseph A. Rodriguez, and Philip Samponaro.

**Abstentions** - None.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Board Member Joseph A. Rodriguez moved to adjourn, motion was seconded by Board Member Philip Samponaro at 12:30 p.m.

Approved on this 13 day of March, 2020



Calvin Walker  
Chairman

Attest:



Juan Velez  
Historic Preservation Officer