

**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 **Friday, April 13, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.**, with the following members present:

Voting Members Present

Trey Mendez, Chairman
Calvin Walker, Board Member
Lawrence Lof, Board Member
Rolando Garza, Board Member
Tara Putegnat, Board Member
Philip Samponaro, Board Member

Members Absent

Joseph A. Rodriguez, Board Member

City Staff

Constanza Miner, Director
Ana Hernandez, Assistant Director
Omar Ochoca, Plans Examiner Supervisor
Juan Velez, Historic Preservation Officer (HPO)
Myrna Leal, Planner I
Eleazar Rodriguez, Plans Examiner Manager
Miriam Suarez, Downtown District Manager

- I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**
With a quorum present, Chairman Trey Mendez called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Board member Tara Putegnat moved to **approve** the March 9, 2018 minutes; motion was seconded by Board member Rolando Garza, and **carried unanimously**.
- III. PUBLIC HEARINGS**
 - 1. Public Hearing and ACTION to consider granting a Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction of various buildings located at 280 Fish Hatchery Rd.**

Board member Tara Putegnat moved to **approve** the construction of various buildings; the motion was seconded by Board member Philip Samponaro, and **carried unanimously**.

- 2. Public Hearing and ACTION to consider granting a Certificate of Appropriateness for a storage room addition located at 1404 W. Washington St.**

Board Member Calvin Walker moved to **table** the item, motion was seconded by Board Member Tara Putegnat, and **carried unanimously**.

- 3. Public Hearing and ACTION to consider granting a Certificate of Appropriateness to allow the construction and repair of a new roof and stabilization and repairs of interior walls located at 311 E. 9th St.**

Board Member Calvin Walker moved to **approve** the construction and repair of a new roof and stabilization and repairs of the interior walls; motion was seconded by Board Member Rolando Garza, and **carried unanimously**.

- 4. Public and ACTION to consider granting a Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction of a bedroom, bathroom, and closet addition located at 1045 E. Ringgold St.**

Board Member Calvin Walker moved to **approve** the construction of a bedroom, bathroom, and closet addition; motion was seconded by Board Member Lawrence Lof, and **carried unanimously**.

- 5. Public Hearing and ACTION to consider granting a Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction of a canopy located at 400 W. St. Charles St.**

Board Member Calvin Walker moved to **approve** the construction of the canopy; the motion was seconded by Board Member Philip Samponaro, and **carried unanimously**.

- 6. Public Hearing and ACTION to consider granting a Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction a four unit apartment and a parking lot located at 845 E. St. Charles St.**

Board Member Calvin Walker moved to **approve** the construction of a four unit apartment with the following requirements; 1. Side elevation windows should be narrower, longer, and instead of one window they must be divided into two and placed side by side. All windows must be double hung. 2. Simplify the parapet. 3. Remove the pilasters. The motion was seconded by Board Member Rolando Garza, and **carried unanimaously**.

- 7. Public Hearing and ACTION to consider granting a Certificate of Appropriateness to demolish an existing structure Bldg. "A" located at 1501 Lakeside Blvd.**

Board Member Philip Samponaro made a motion to **approve** the demolition of the existing structure; the motion was seconded by Board Member Calvin Walker, and **carried unanimously**.

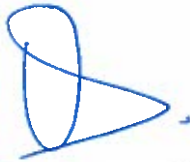
8. Public Hearing and ACTION to consider granting a Certificate of Appropriateness to allow the rehabilitation of a single family dwelling located at 1206 W. Levee St.

Board Member Lawrence Lof moved to **approve** the rehabilitation of the single family dwelling with the following requirements; 1. The applicant must reuse as much wire brick as possible on the front and side elevations of the building. Any non-wire brick used must have a similar texture and color as the wire brick. The motion was seconded by Board Member Tara Putegnat, and **carried unanimously**.

ADJOURNMENT: 1:30 p.m.

Approved on this 15 day of June, 2018

Attest:



Juan Velez
Historic Preservation Officer



Trey Mendez,
Chairman

