

**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 26, 2019, at 12:11 p.m.**, with the following members present:

Voting Members Present

Calvin Walker, Chairman
Rolando Garza, Vice Chair
Lawrence Lof, Board Member
Shannon Ostos, Board Member
Tara Putegnat, Board Member

Voting Members Absent

Joseph A. Rodriguez, Board Member
Philip Samponaro, Board Member

City Staff

Constanza Miner, Director
Ana Hernandez, Assistant Director
Myrna Leal, Planner I
Angel Sanchez, Combination Plans Examiner
Juan Velez, Historic Preservation Officer (HPO)

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Chairman Calvin Walker called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Rolando Garza moved to **approve** the March 8, 2019 minutes with corrections; motion was seconded by Board Member Tara Putegnat, and **carried unanimously**.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Hearing and ACTION to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to allow the construction of a commercial building located at 20 Sam Perl Blvd.

Board Member Rolando Garza moved to **approve** the grant of a Certificate of Appropriateness to allow the construction of a commercial building following staff recommendations as detailed below:

- Substitute the red stucco and the concrete units 2A and 2B with “Quik Brik Traditional (Echelon Masonry)” to keep the appearance similar to historic commercial Border Brick buildings.
- Although Sec. 348-1531. –Sign and Billboards (h) (7) does not allow pole signs, Sam Perl Blvd.

Motion was seconded by Board Member Lawrence Lof and **carried unanimously.**

2. Public Hearing and ACTION to support the nomination of Brownsville City Hall and Market House to the National Register of Historic Places.

Board Member Lawrence Lof moved to **approve** the support the nomination of Brownsville City Hall and Market House to the National Register of Historic Places.

Motion was seconded by Board Member Rolando Garza and **carried unanimously.**

3. Public Hearing and ACTION to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to allow a rehabilitation of a commercial building located at 1107 E. Washington St.

Board Member Tara Putegnat moved to **approve** the grant of a Certificate of Appropriateness for a construction of a new transom windows including trim & framing, and exterior gutters following staff recommendations as detailed below:

...the rehabilitation of a commercial building located at 1107 E. Washington St. doing an “...accurate restoration using historical, pictorial, and physical documentation...” (Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation)

- Building a simple handrail on both facades, typical of the era in which the building was designed.
- Rehabilitating existing windows and/or doors.
- Building new window(s) or door(s) following the historic documentation provided.
- Building the rear fence with the height shown on the historic photograph. Entrance may be built as shown on the historic photograph, so
 - The historic view will be kept.
 - Future customers could enjoy a private opening space on the rear.

Motion was seconded by Board Member Lawrence Lof and **carried unanimously.**

4. Public Hearing and ACTION to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to allow the renovation of a commercial building located at 1400 Palm Blvd. – Suite 9

Board Member Lawrence Lof moved to **approve** the grant of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the renovation of a commercial building following staff first and second recommendations amending the third recommendation as detailed below:

- To preserve the existing building material above the canopy, similar to Dollar General (“The historic character of the property shall be retained and preserved”).
- To install windows with aluminum frames.
- To allow the proposed color on the façade as shown on the renders.

Motion was seconded by Board Member Shannon Ostos and **carried unanimously**.

5. Public Hearing and ACTION to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to allow the relocation of a residential structure located at 1625 E. Tyler St.

Board Member Rolando Garza moved to **approve** the grant of a Certificate of Appropriateness for a relocation of a residential structure following staff recommendations as detailed below:

- As per Sec. 348-1526. –Treatment of site following demolition (or removal): “...The owner or other person having legal custody and control thereof shall
 - Remove all traces of previous construction, including foundation, Grade, level, sod and seed the lot to prevent erosion and improve drainage,
 - Repair at his own expense any damage to public right-of-way, including sidewalks, curbs and streets, that may have occurred in the course of removing the building, object, or structure and its appurtenances.”
- All Building Permit Application processes must be followed.

Motion was seconded by Board Member Tara Putegnatt and **carried unanimously**.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Rolando Garza moved to adjourn, motion was seconded by Board Member Tara Putegnatt at 12:51 p.m.

Approved on this 12 day of July, 2019



Calvin Walker
~~Chairman~~ Chairman

Attest:



Juan Velez
Historic Preservation Officer