

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

**Voting Members Present**

Trey Mendez, Chairman  
Calvin Walker, Vice Chairman  
Rolando Garza, Board Member  
Philip Samponaro, Board Member  
Joseph A. Rodriguez, Board Member  
Lawrence Lof, Board Member  
Tara Putegnat, Board Member

**City Staff**

Juan Velez, Historic Preservation Officer (HPO)  
Constanza Miner, Director  
Omar Ochoa, Building Official  
Eleazar Rodriguez, Plans Examiner Manager  
Erika Espinoza, Administrative Specialist

**I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

With a quorum present, Chairman Trey Mendez called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board member Calvin Walker moved to **approve** the June 15, 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 a used car lot at 1854 E. Filmore St.**

The HPO explained that the lot shows more cars parking in the lot than the legal parking units asked, so maybe it will be needed to move the new structure to the rear; in any case, the owner was going to reapply afterwards to reorder the area. Calvin Walker moved to **approve** the granting of a Certificate of Appropriateness based upon the moving of the structure; the motion was seconded by Board member Rolando Garza, and **carried unanimously**.

**2. Public Hearing and ACTION to consider granting a Certificate of Appropriateness for the rehab of a single family dwelling at 1254 E. Monroe St.**

Board Member Calvin Walker moved to **approve** the remodel of a single family dwelling with the following conditions: remove cast iron columns on porch and replace with 6 x 6 wood columns with a spindle trim below the porch soffit, to extend the width of the front steps until reaching the interior porch columns, to build a vertical wrought iron (or pickets) front fence (75% clearance) of the proposed 2x2 wooden horizontal board fence; the motion was seconded by Board Member Rolando Garza, and **carried unanimously**.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 12:35 p.m.

Approved on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018

Attest:



**Juan Velez**  
**Historic Preservation Officer**



**Trey Mendez**  
**Chairman**