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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 a teleconference meeting, Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas, on Friday, August 14, 2020 at 12:00 p.m., with the following members present:

Voting Members Present
Calvin Walker, Chairman
Rolando Garza, Board Member
Lawrence Lof, Board Member
Luis Murillo, Board Member
Tara Putegnat, Board Member
Joseph A. Rodriguez, Board Member
Philip Samponaro, 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 12:06 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Board Member Lawrence Lof moved to approve the March 13, 2020 minutes; motion was seconded by Board Member Rolando Garza, and carried unanimously.

III. OATH OF OFFICE / STATEMENT OF APPOINTED OFFICER
Newly Appointed Board Members Lawrence Lof, Philip Samponaro, and Luis Murillo read both required statements and joined the board.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS
1. Reconsideration and ACTION from previously tabled on March 13, 2020 to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to construct a Community Center at 1755 E. 7th St.
Board Member Tara Putegnat moved to approve the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness following staff recommendations for the Landscape. Motion was seconded by Board Member Lawrence Lof, and carried unanimously.
Board Member Lawrence Lof moved to table the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness to construct a Community Center because the owner wants to revisit the design and develop new drawings. Motion was seconded by Board Member Tara Putegnat, and carried unanimously.
2. Public Hearing and ACTION to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to move a prefabricated public bathroom located at 624 E. Madison St. Board Member Lawrence Lof moved to approve the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness following staff recommendations to use a neutral color or match the color at the Historic Brownsville Museum façade. Motion was seconded by Board Member Rolando Garza, and carried unanimously.

3. Public Hearing and ACTION to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to construct a single-family dwelling at 1548 E. Van Buren St. The motion died due to lack of motion.

4. Public Hearing and ACTION to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to construct a duplex at 2044 E. Taylor St. Board Member Rolando Garza moved to approve the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness following staff recommendations. Motion was seconded by Board Member Tara Putegnat, and carried unanimously.

5. Public Hearing and ACTION to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to construct a duplex at 2054 E. Taylor St. Board Member Tara Putegnat moved to approve the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness following staff recommendations. Motion was seconded by Board Member Lawrence Lof, and carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION

1. Approval and RATIFICATION to remodel satellite buildings at LULA SAMS CAMP – 280 Fish Hatchery Rd. Board Member Tara Putegnat moved to approve and ratify the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness following staff recommendations and flipping, if possible, lavatory with toilet on satellites. Motion was seconded by Board Member Lawrence Lof, and carried unanimously.

2. Approval and RATIFICATION to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to demolish existing single-family dwelling at 516 E. Jefferson St. Board Member Lawrence Lof moved to approve and ratify the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness to demolish a single-family dwelling at 516 E. Jefferson St. Motion was seconded by Board Member Rolando Garza, and carried unanimously.

3. Approval and RATIFICATION to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to construct a single-family dwelling at 516 E. Jefferson St. Board Member Lawrence Lof moved to approve and ratify the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness to build a single-family dwelling at 516 E. Jefferson St. Motion was seconded by Board Member Tara Putegnat, and carried unanimously.
4. Approval and RATIFICATION to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to construct a commercial sign at 1244 E. 14th St.
Board Member Rolando Garza moved to approve and ratify the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness following staff recommendations. Motion was seconded by Board Member Tara Putegnat, and carried unanimously.

5. Public Hearing and ACTION to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace and update existing antennas and radio equipment on an existing cell tower at 865 E. Fronton St.
Board Member Philip Samponaro moved to approve the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness following staff recommendations. Motion was seconded by Board Member Rolando Garza, and carried unanimously.

VI. ADJOURNMENT
Board Member Rolando Garza moved to adjourn, motion was seconded by Board Member Tara Putegnat at 1:17 p.m.

Approved on this ___ day of September, 2020

Calvin Walker
Chairman

Attest:

Juan Velez
Historic Preservation Officer