

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, AT CITY HALL, 1212 AVENUE M, HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS ON THE 20th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016 AT 5:30 PM.

Members present: Cummings; Anderson; Johnston; Barry, Durda
Members absent: Woods
City staff present: Ridley; Martin

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. *This meeting was called to order by Chairman Johnston. [5:31 PM]*

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- a. **U.S. Flag**
b. **Texas Flag**

3. INVOCATION

Commissioner Anderson led the invocation

- 4. PUBLIC HEARING** to take testimony concerning the Historic Preservation Overlay District Map Amendment for 1228 11th Street, The Gibbs Powell House County Museum, in the City Limits of Huntsville.

Chairman Johnston opened the Public Hearing. [5:32 PM]

Janet Ridley gave an overview of the case noting the Historic Preservation Overlay District Map Amendments as laid out in the Development Code and per the Discussion Form. Historic Preservation Commission considered and unanimously approved the Historic Preservation Overlay District Map Amendment on September 1, 2016. Staff recommends approval based on compliance with the Historic Preservation Overlay Criteria of the Development Code.

The following citizens spoke in support of the Historic Preservation Overlay Designation.

- **George Russell**, representing the Historic Commission, gave a brief overview on the history of The Gibbs Powell House and the benefits of The National Register of Historic Places.

Chairman Johnston closed the Public Hearing. [5:43 PM]

- 5. CONSIDER** the Historic Preservation Overlay District Map Amendment for 1228 11th Street, The Gibbs Powell House County Museum, in the City Limits of Huntsville.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to recommend approval of the Historic Preservation Overlay District Map Amendment for 1228 11th Street, The Gibbs Powell House County Museum, in the City Limits of Huntsville. Second was by Commissioner Durda. The vote was unanimous.

- 6. PUBLIC HEARING** to take testimony concerning the Historic Preservation Overlay District Map Amendment of 1215 19th Street, The 1834 Collard Homestead, in the City Limits of Huntsville.

Chairman Johnston opened the Public Hearing. [5:58 PM]

Janet Ridley gave an overview of the case per the Discussion Form making note that there are three historic structures located at 1215 19th Street. The Historic Preservation Commission considered and unanimously approved the Historic Preservation Overlay District Map Amendment on September 1, 2016. Staff recommends approval based on compliance with the Historic Preservation Overlay Criteria in the Development Code.

The following citizens spoke in support of the Historic Preservation Overlay Designation.

- **Jenny Dickenson** gave a brief overview on the history of The 1834 Collard Homestead.

- **George Russell**, property owner & applicant, gave a brief history of the property and expressed his desire to maintain the historic value of The 1834 Collard Homestead. He also expressed his opinion on museum admission and passed out advertisement cards to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Anderson questioned George Russell on the difference between a Single and Double Pen cabin structure.

Commissioner Barry questioned what impact, if any, the inclusion of the property on the Historic Preservation Overlay Map will have on the use of the property as a restaurant. Staff answered that there will not be any the property will still have the Development District Map designation of Management with an overlay for Historic Preservation.

Chairman Johnston closed the Public Hearing. [5:58 PM]

7. **CONSIDER** the Historic Preservation Overlay District Map Amendment for 1215 19th Street, The 1834 Collard Homestead, in the City Limits of Huntsville.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to recommend approval of the Historic Preservation Overlay District Map Amendment for 1215 19th Street, The 1834 Collard Homestead, in the City Limits of Huntsville. Second was by Commissioner Barry. The vote was unanimous.

8. **CONSIDER** the minutes of the October 6, 2016 Joint Workshop with City Council.

Commissioner Cummings made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 6, 2016 Joint Workshop with City Council. Second was by Commissioner Durda. The vote was unanimous.

9. **CONSIDER** the minutes of the October 6, 2016 meeting.

Commissioner Anderson moved to accept the minutes of the October 6, 2016 Planning Commission meeting as presented. Second was by Commissioner Cummings. The vote was unanimous.

10. **DISCUSS** Planning Commission meeting attendance requirements.

Staff provided documentation of meeting requirements and attendance for FY 2015-2016 stating that the discussion, and any decisions made, to address meeting attendance is strictly among the Commissioners. Staff is supportive of the Commission in whichever way it is decided to address the attendance issue.

Commissioners discussed the issue, indicating the importance of making meeting attendance a priority. It was suggested that allowances be made for illnesses and indicating such on the attendance sheet with an "S" instead of an "A".

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no additional public comments made.

12. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- Sam Houston State University Football is currently ranked number one.
- Staff announced that the Planning Commission Meeting time for the November 3, 2016 meeting will be changed from 12:00 pm (Noon) to 5:30 pm due to the number of plats staff anticipates to be on the agenda.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cummings moved to adjourn. Second was by Commissioner Barry. The vote was unanimous. [6:13 PM]