

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
CITY OF BROWNSVILLE §
COUNTY OF CAMERON §

MINUTES of the Public Meeting of the **HERITAGE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE** held at the Planning and Development Services Department, located at 1034 E. Levee St., 2nd Floor, Brownsville, Texas, 78520, on Wednesday, February 22nd, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., with the following members present:

Voting Members Present

Murad Abusalim, Council Member
Jose Luis Alanis, Council Member
Fernando Balli, Council Member
Rolando Garza, Council Member
Anthony Knopp, Council Member
Larry Lof, Council Member
Reba McNair, Council Member
Trey Mendez, Chairman
Calvin Walker, Council Member
Esthela Valdez, Alternate

Members Absent

Serena Putegnat, Council Member

City Staff

Juan Velez, Historic Preservation Officer (HPO)

- I. **CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**
Seeing that a quorum was present, Council member Trey Mendez called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
None.
- III. **PUBLIC HEARING(S) ON CLASS L1/ A2/L2-PERMIT(S)**
 1. **1027 E. Polk St.: To allow demolition of existing house**
The HPO recommended to reuse some building features of the building to be demolished (exterior trim). Council member Mr. Calvin Walker moved to **approve** the demolition, without reusing any building materials. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fernando Balli, and carried unanimously.
 2. **1027 E. Polk St.: To allow new design**
The HPO recommended treated wood or HardiePlank instead of brick. Council member Mr. Larry Lof moved to **approve** the item with the footprint introduced, and one of the building materials suggested, HardiePlank, so the developer will have a resilient building material and

the living space will increase because the thickness of the exterior walls will be smaller. The motion was seconded by Mr. Anthony Knopp, and carried unanimously.

IV. HISTORIC PRESERVATION ITEMS

- 1.1. 405 E. Washington St. – Selective demolition. The HPO presented current photographs of the actual condition of this historic structure.
- 1.2. 805 E. Tyler St. – Tres Angeles Park. The HPO introduced the final design approved by the City of Brownsville.
- 1.3. Sec. 348-1493 HPDRB Ordinance. The HPO briefly reminded the Board of the attendance requirements.
- 1.4. RTHL Markers Grant/Guided Tour. The HPO explained the grant obtained from BCIC to install RTHL markers (Fort Brown).

ADJOURNMENT:

Approved on this 15 day of March, 2017

Attest:



Juan Velez
Historic Preservation Officer



Trey Mendez,
Chairman Heritage Council