

## Historic Resources Board

### Minutes February 17, 2021

#### I. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

1. Meeting called to order at 5:05 PM by Chair Schey via Zoom.
2. Roll call was taken: Duane Wentworth, David Wentworth, Sr., Chair Schey, Amory Hanson, Ronn Knowles, Mark Zambrano, and Sue Nguyen present. Joe Santiago was absent. Library liaison Steven Park also present.

#### II. **Welcome and Introduction**

1. John Scandura present and introduced himself. Scandura is the Board's Planning Commission liaison. He told us a bit about his public service going back 25 years. Scandura is trained as an environmental scientist.
2. Schey welcomed Scandura and looks forward to working with him.
3. Councilman Mike Posey joined via audio zoom connection but then left the meeting.

#### III. **Public Comments**

#### IV. **Consent Calendar**

##### 1. **Approval of Minutes**

- i. The October 2020 HRB minutes were approved with changes. Knowles motioned for approval and Hanson 2<sup>nd</sup>. All present approved.
- ii. The January 2021 HRB minutes were approved with changes (name changes: Knowles motioned, Wentworth, Sr. seconded. All present approved.

#### V. **Presentations:**

1. **Design Review Board Report** – Schey reported they have not been meeting. They are scheduled to meet March 11, but she doesn't know what the agenda will be. She will have more to comment on at the next meeting.
2. **Board Applicants** – Park is not aware of any new applicants. Schey noted we do have one application on file but that the HRB doesn't control the timing of the applications.

#### VI. **Administrative**

1. **Fiduciary Commitments:** n/a
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Knowles reported there's \$3,114.36 in the bank. No receipts or vouchers.
3. **Staff/Council Requests for Assistance:**
  - i. Although Schey noted she had nothing specifically for the board, she wanted to let the HRB know about a few things:
    1. Schey emailed photographs to board providing information on:  
(A) the Shank House (sub-station downtown for HBPD); the City wants to do interior repairs and improvements. Schey thinks every proposed change should be fine. The City agreed to replace

the original windows with windows that blend well into the house. Hanson asked about the painted woodwork. Schey noted it will be a greyish white, not brown. (B) 910 Georgia Street: Alan Ray sent a question about the demo at 910 Georgia Street. Schey was concerned that she hadn't gotten any demo permits and there's no record on the inventory of that address. The historic property is a tiny building on the property and thought perhaps the "windshield" survey missed important historic buildings. She hopes for vigilance and needs to receive demo permits. Schey plans to follow up with Ursula Luna-Reynosa's office to see what's up with the demo permits. Scandura asked about a project approved at the Hilltop Liquor Store. He asked if that was the same project. Schey noted that it was. Scandura said he'd mention this at the next Planning Commission meeting and send an email to Luna-Reynosa's as well. Schey realizes we can't preserve everything but she wants to make sure historic properties are documented.

ii. Amory Hanson's (City Council Letter) Request

1. Hanson heard from Mr. Young that the City plans to go back in person at a case rate of 12. Right now we are at 16.1 (per 100,000). Schey noted that no one on the board is qualified to speak to those numbers. She wants to follow City Council's lead. Hanson would like to postpone the item (a letter to City Council requesting the HRB meet back in person) until March. He would like to take it month to month.
2. Schey would still like to support those who would like to stay on Zoom even when we are allowed in person.

4. **Historic Photographs – Use and Recovery:** Schey noted we will eventually get to it. She's not working on it right now.

**VII. Committee Reports**

1. **Plaques:** Knowles reported no interest recently. Knowles had been talking to one individual but hasn't heard back. Things have perhaps slowed down due to Covid. Knowles explained to Scandura what the Historic Plaques program is, and Schey noted it is citizen-driven.
  - i. **Schey noted she got an email from Hayden Beckman;** he got a request about the language on the Standard Market Plaque. We have not been given any construction or content to date.
2. **Demolition Reports:** See above.
3. **Research:** n/a
4. **Oral History Project:** n/a

5. **School Outreach:** Knowles updated the board on his presentation to Smith's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom via Zoom. Schey thanked Nguyen and Knowles for their presentations and preparation. Knowles thanked Nguyen for her preparation.

6. **Information and Outreach:**

i. Wentworth asked about Surf City Nights and when it was going to start again. Hanson said City Council discussed that it would return when HB is back at 100% indoor dining.

1. Hanson asked if there had been a change in date. Wentworth, Sr. said as far as he knows it would still be 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday.

ii. 1,735+ Likes on Facebook.

iii. Wentworth, Sr. ordered one portfolio. The cost was \$117 for 2, but he only ordered 1 to see if everything will fit in it. Schey is fine with Wentworth, Sr. going back and ordering the second portfolio. She is fine encouraging a motion to up the funds needed.

1. Schey made a motion to increase the original allocation from \$100 to \$120 for 2 portfolios. Hanson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All approved.

7. **Future Programming:**

i. Wentworth, Sr. asked about the Cherry Blossom Festival. Park noted it was cancelled but the blossoms have started blooming!

VIII. **Member Comments:**

1. Schey sent an email about the art project between the library and secret garden. Schey hasn't heard anything back yet on an outcome.
2. Schey wants to work more with other boards and commissions. For example, Friends of the Library was founded in June 1971, and they are Looking at doing an anniversary film for HBTv. Schey wants the board to think about any other ways to collaborate or support Friends of the Library in their anniversary year.
3. Hanson noted the other meetings he attended since the last HRB Meeting.
4. Hanson would like a localized list of important African Americans rather than the City's reliance on national figures for Black History Month. Schey noted previous work had been done and wondered why the City hadn't promoted that further.
5. Hanson mentioned the HB Youth Board was thinking of having a fair to promote all boards and commissions. He noted the HRB should keep our eyes and ears open about it.
6. Scandura noted he also volunteers at Shipley Nature Center and the Friends are celebrating their anniversary as well. Schey noted it would be good for the HRB to support Friends of the Shipley Nature Center on their anniversary coming up (20<sup>th</sup> anniversary).
7. Hanson noted it was HB's 112<sup>th</sup> Birthday

IX. **Future Agenda Items:**

1. Hanson's proposed letter to Council.

- X. **Meeting adjourned** at 5:57 pm. Knowles motioned to adjourn and Wentworth, Sr. seconded. All present approved. The next meeting is scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup>.