
ROCKPORT HERITAGE DISTRICT BOARD WORKSHOP MINUTES

On this the 8th day of June, 2015 the Rockport Heritage District Board of the City of Rockport held a Workshop at 1:30 p.m. at the Rockport City Hall, 622 E. Market Street, Rockport, Texas; and notice of meeting giving time, date and subject having been posted as described in V.T.C.A., Government Code § 551.041.

Members Present

Members Absent

Lee Copeland – Chairman
Jim Godfrey – Vice-Chairman
Loretta J. Schindler – Secretary
Janie White
Penny Hong

Staff Members Present

Mike Donoho, Public Works Director
Angie West, Assistant to Building Director
Kimber Clark, City Planner

Guest(s) Present

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Opening Agenda

1. Call meeting to order, approximately 1:33 p.m.

Regular Agenda

2. Hear and deliberate on the following reports from staff:
 - A. Introduction of City of Rockport Community Planner, Kimberly (Kimber) Clark.

Mr. Mike Donoho introduce Kimber Clark and indicated one of her many duties will be, working closely with myself (Donoho) and Frank Truitt in the reviewing of plans. Mr. Donoho continued: Kimber will be the point of contact for all Boards and Commissions within the City of Rockport. Mrs. Clark gave a brief history of her back ground.

Chairman Copeland thanked Mrs. Clark and moved to the next item.
 - B. 203 N. Magnolia – A permit was issued for fencing and screening around a pool.

Mr. Donoho stated: this permit has been issued and we (city) wanted to bring this before the Committee just to keep you informed as to what is going on within the Heritage District. Mr. Donoho continued: this is the Wood House and they (contractor) have submitted the pool plan as well as the barrier plan. The plans also includes natural vegetation as a barrier.

Chairman Copeland asked if there were any more questions or comments. Hearing none Chairman Copeland moved to the next item.

- C. Aransas County Navigation District – The Harbor Master has notified the city that the district intends to demolish its office building at 911 Navigation Circle.

Mr. Donoho stated: the Navigation Harbor Master, Keith Barrett asked the building department the requirements for demolition of one of their office buildings located on the harbor front. Mr. Donoho continued; Mr. Barrett’s desire is to demo the building. Mr. Barret also wants to set up a construction trailer to utilize as an office until such time a new building is constructed. This is just to inform the committee; Mr. Barrett is aware that his request must be brought before this committee before any demolition can begin.

Chairman Copeland asked if there were any more questions or comments. Hearing none Chairman Copeland moved to the next item.

- 3. Deliberate on establishment of subcommittees of the board in accordance with Sec.118-263.3.8.1.vi of the Code of Ordinances.

Chairman Copeland stated: Janie and myself (Copeland) have been working on the duties and responsibilities of the Board. We (Janie & Copeland) have developed a flow chart which has divided the Heritage Board into sub-committees. The first committee would focus on the Historic Preservation, and would consist of members Janie White and Jeanie Schindler. The second committee would focus on Flow Chart/Text and would consist of members Jim Godfrey and Penny Hong. Chairman Copeland continued: we would like to formulate incentives for preservation of buildings...like St. Peter’s church.

Member White stated: there is a state law which says, if you have a building that is designated as a Historical Building and a storm comes through and damages the building, FEMA cannot prevent the owner from replace the building. This would be an incentive, not only within the Heritage District but throughout the city. This is the only possible incentive I (White) can think of.

Staff member Clark indicated she (Clark) had done some research and found if the City of Rockport becomes a Certified Local Government Community, we (city) could possibly qualify for certain grants that would help the preservation of certain buildings.

After a lengthy discussion Chairman Copeland asked if there were any more questions or comments.

Member Schindler asked: If we (RHD) are going to have sub-committees, we will need rules and by laws established. This is needed so we can pass them along to new members so they will know how this committee operates. Councilmember Day stated: the rules and by laws will need to be reviewed by the City Attorney.

Member Schindler asked: who do I give the rules and by laws to? Mr. Donoho responded: if you (Schindler) give me what you have I will pass it along to the City Attorney for review.

After a brief discussion Chairman Copeland asked if there were any more question or comment. Hearing none Chairman Copeland moved to the next item.

4. Discuss and recommend agenda topics for the next meeting and set meeting date.

Member Schindler asked for a refresher on the "Visionaries in Preservation."

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Copeland adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:53 p.m.

Prepared By:



Angie West, Assistant to Director

Approved By:



Lee Copeland, Chairman