
ROCKPORT HERITAGE DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

On this the 31st day of August, 2015 the Rockport Heritage District Board of the City of Rockport held a Meeting at 10:00 a.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

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

Members Absent

Penny Hong (Un-ex)

Staff Members Present

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

Guest(s) Present

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Opening Agenda

1. Call meeting to order.

Regular Agenda

2. Deliberate on presentation of Rockport Heritage District Certificate of Appropriateness application.

Member Godfrey opened with: this is the first time I have seen this. Staff member Kimber Clark stated: from our (RHD, Rockport Heritage District) last meeting there was discussion regarding having a Certificate of Appropriateness. I (Clark) have modeled this one after the one the City of San Antonio is using. This helps us with decision making when applications are received for development. It will also be used in determining if all criteria are met to be approved administratively.

Staff member Mike Donoho stated: I (Donoho) just wanted to add, this Certificate of Appropriateness will be submitted for any area within the Heritage District that needs the committee's approval. Mr. Donoho reiterated: Certificate of Appropriateness that meets all criteria for approval administratively will be forwarded to the HRD in a report. At this time Chairman Lee Copeland joined the meeting and continued the meeting. Mr. Donoho brought Chairman Copeland

up to date of the meeting proceedings. Chairman Copeland indicated: I (Copeland) had an opportunity to meet with Ms. Clark and I (Copeland) am satisfied with this Certificate of Appropriateness Application. Ms. Clark continued: we (Building Department) are trying to educate the public regarding the Heritage District. With that said, the first question asked of an applicant is: are you in the Heritage District? Mr. Donoho reiterated: when an application comes in we (city) will do our best to get a copy of the application to each member in a timely manner. Councilman Day asked: can you (staff) include an address on the application? Staff responded: yes.

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

3. Deliberate and act on recommendation to City Council on Texas Maritime Museum Certificate of Appropriateness application.

Chairman Copeland asked if there were anyone representing the Texas Maritime Museum? Mr. Bill Barner introduced himself as the representative for the Maritime Museum. Chairman Copeland stated: in our (RHD) packet on page two (2) is a rendering of the project. Chairman Copeland asked: is that a mast going through the roof? Mr. Barner indicated: yes, this boat was built in 1990's and has sailed many times. We (Museum) need to cove the boat to preserve it. Mr. Barner continued: the mast will go through the roof and the mast will be anchored to the roof with two (2) buy's which will make the mast part of the roof, insuring wind codes are meet. Chairman Copeland asked if there were any other questions or comments, hearing none Chairman Copeland asked for a motion.

Motion:

Vice Chairman Godfrey moved to accept the request from Texas Maritime Museum to place a covered structure over their sail boat as presented. Member White second the motion. 3 voted in favor, one abstained from voting – motion carried.

4. Deliberate on the report on St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Chairman Copeland asked Member Janie White to present. Ms. White opened with: The Rt. Rev. Alexander Gregg, Bishop of the Diocese of Texas, officiated at the dedication of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Rockport on November 39, 1871. Led by lay ministers for much of its early history, St. Peter's first was located at the corner of Live Oak and Wharf streets near the railroad depot, where services often were halted due to the noise of arriving and departing trains. The church was relocated to the current site in 1953, St. Peter's became self-sustaining parish ten years later. It continues to serve the community with a variety of programs. The Historical marker was presented in 1991. This marker will be moving with the church when the new church is completed. A photo dating back to the 1930's, shows Reverend Paul Reese, and his wife Emma, who severed St. Peter's over the years. In 1962, Mrs. Reese wrote a history of St. Peter's which was dated from 1871 to 1962. Records were destroyed in the 1919 storm, so we are unable to determine who all the organizing families were. After a lengthy report, Chairman Copeland thanked Member White for her presentation.

5. Deliberate and act on determining agenda topics for next meeting and set meeting date.

Chairman Copeland wanted to look at: re-appointment of members, minutes, define contributing buildings. Janie White asked Kimber Clark to look at, how the committee can get State Money, in regards to preservation for St. Peter's or any other building that the committee would like to save. Chairman Copeland would also like to discuss becoming a Certified Local Government. Chairman Copeland would like to have another meeting in two (2) months, or if the need arises.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Copeland adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:19 a.m.

Prepared By:



Angie West, Assistant to Director

Approved By:



Lee Copeland, Chairman