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## **ROCKPORT HERITAGE DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES**

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On this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016 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.

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### **Members Present**

Lee Copeland – Chairman  
Jim Godfrey – Vice-Chairman  
Loretta J. Schindler – Secretary  
Anita Diebel

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### **Members Absent**

Janie White (EX)

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### **Staff Members Present**

Mike Donoho, Public Works Director  
Kevin Carruth, City Manager  
Mary Bellinger, Assistant to Building Director  
Amanda Torres, Community Planner  
Kimber Clark, Community Planner

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### **Guest(s) Present**

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### **Opening Agenda**

1. Call meeting to order.

Chairman Copeland called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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### **Regular Agenda**

2. Deliberate and act on approval of Heritage District Board Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2016 and February 17, 2016.

Chairman Copeland asked for a motion to accept February 1, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes and the February 17, 2016 Workshop Meeting Minutes. Member Diebel moved to accept minutes as written. Secretary Schindler second the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Introduce new City of Rockport Community Planner, Amanda Torres.

Ms. Kimber Clark introduced Ms. Amanda Torres as the new Community Planner for the City of Rockport. Ms. Clark indicated that Ms. Torres has been the Community Planner for the City of Aransas Pass for approximately one (1) year. Ms. Clark continued; Ms. Torres is currently

attending Texas A & M of Corpus Christi and is working towards her (Torres) Master's Degree in Public Administration. Ms. Torres and I (Clark) have been working together for the past few months and I (Clark) feel Ms. Torres is and will be a great asset to the City of Rockport.

4. Deliberate and act on recommendation to City council on the Certificate of Appropriateness Application submitted for 404 S. Austin Street.

Chairman Copeland asked: Mr. Chad Lee to present his project at 404 S. Austin Street. Mr. Lee opened with; I (Lee) have been working with the Albright's for several years and the Albright's are the current owners of the property. Mr. Lee stated; most of the interior and exterior remodel is complete and the next step is to complete some concrete, railings, fence, and landscaping on the north side of the building. After a brief discussion Chairman Copeland asked there were any questions or comments. Hearing none Chairman Copeland asked for a motion.

**MOTION:**

Member Diebel moved to accept the Certificate of Appropriateness Application for the project located at 404 S. Austin Street. Member Godfrey second the motion. With three (3) voting for and one (1) voted against. Motion carried.

5. Hear and Deliberate on report from Cultural Arts District Board on the proposed Rockport Cultural Arts District.

Chairman Copeland asked Ms. Kay Bets to present. Ms. Bets stated; my husband and I are retired and are now living in Rockport. I (Bets) graduated from UT Austin and grew up in Corpus Christi. I have visited Rockport all my life. About two (2) years ago I (Bets) decided to give back to the community and volunteered at the Rockport Center of the Arts. Ms. Bets continued; Anita and myself are working on documenting the history of the Arts Colony in Rockport and Fulton areas. I (Bets) was approached by the president of the Center of the Arts to join an exploratory committee looking at getting a Culture Arts Designation. I (Bets) feel this designation will help draw in visitors to this community. We have been working for several months now on accomplishing the designation and have the support from the City of Rockport, Town of Fulton, Aransas County, and the Navigation District. After a brief presentation, Chairman Copeland asked; do you (Bets) feel that we will get the Designation? Ms. Bets responded: I am not sure. There are only twenty-eight (28) Designations right now and we would be the twenty-ninth (29). Member Diebel stated: I am completely supportive of the Arts Culture and what you (Bets) are trying to accomplish. However, I am strongly opposed to creating a new entity. Chairman Copeland asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none. Chairman Copeland thanked Ms. Bets for her presentation.

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

Chairman Copeland asked if they (RHD) could have staff reports added to the agendas. Giving us updates if any, to upcoming projects. We need to schedule more workshops so we can take the ordinance one section at a time and revamp that section. So we (RHD) can present the amended ordinance to City Council as a whole and not in bits and pieces.

**Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Chairman Copeland adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Prepared By:

Mary Bellinger  
Mary Bellinger, Assistant to Director

Approved By:

Jim Godfrey  
Jim Godfrey Vice-Chairman