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## **ROCKPORT HERITAGE DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES**

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On this the 6th day of September, 2016 the Rockport Heritage District Board of the City of Rockport held a Meeting 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.

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### **Members Present**

### **Members Absent**

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Bill Fisher - Chairman  
Jim Godfrey – Vice-Chairman  
Loretta J. Schindler – Secretary  
Anita Diebel  
Chad Lee

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### **Staff Members Present**

Mike Donoho, Building Director  
Mary Bellinger, Assistant to Building Director  
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### **Guest(s) Present**

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### **Opening Agenda**

1. Call meeting to order.

Chairman Fisher called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

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### **Regular Agenda**

2. Deliberate and act on approval of Heritage District Regular Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2016.

Chairman Fisher asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2016, Rockport Heritage District Regular Meeting.

Secretary Schindler moved to accept the minutes with one correction. Member Diebel seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Deliberate and act on recommendation to City Council on the Certificate of Appropriateness Application submitted for 203 Water Street and 204 South Austin Street demolition.

Chairman Fisher asked the applicant to present. Director for the Rockport Center of the Arts Mr. Luis Puron addressed the committee. As you may not know the Center of the Arts has been in a

growth mode for the last eleven (11) years. With that said the current space is no longer efficient and we (Art Center) have purchased the property at 203 Water Street and 204 South Austin Street so that we can continue the grow. We (Center for the Arts) would like to move forward on the demolition of the two (2) structures. Mr. Puron continued: we have obtained an asbestos report which indicated a small amount of asbestos found in the building on 204 South Austin. The first step is to eliminate the asbestos and then continue on with the demolition. The small structure on the Water Street side of the property did not show evidence of asbestos. Once the structures are removed the concrete slabs will be removed and filled in with dirt. That is all we will be doing at this time.

Chairman Fisher asked: are there any questions from the committee. Secretary Schindler asked: the building on Austin Street use to be “Mary’s Malt”, are you going to be able to save any of the bricks from the building and use somewhere else? This will acknowledge the building, which had been there for some sixty (60) years. Mr. Puron responded: that is something that I (Puron) have not considered and would welcome a discussion with you (Schindler) at a later time.

Chairman Fisher asked Vice Chairman Godfrey: was this something that was discussed before? Vice Chairman Godfrey responded: “yes”. Vice Chairman Godfrey stated: I (Godfrey) personally don’t have a problem with the request. A citizen stated: I have a business across the street from these buildings and look at them every day. I feel the buildings need to go. After a brief discussion Chairman Fisher asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none Chairman Fisher asked for a motion.

#### **MOTION:**

Member Diebel moved to accept the Certificate of Appropriateness Application for demolition of structures on property located at 203 Water Street and 204 South Austin Street. Vice Chairman Godfrey seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motions carried unanimously.

Secretary Schindler added: when you (Puron) start the demolition you might find a pool. The original owner had a boat dealership and had the pool was put in to float some of the boats as advertising. Mr. Puron thanked Ms. Schindler for that information.

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

Chairman Fisher indicated a meeting was determined for October 12, 2016. Chairman Fisher stated; at our last meeting (9.6.16) there were no topics for discussion. Mr. Mike Donoho stated: I want to reiterate to this committee, any topics needed to be discussed must be submitted to the department along with supporting documents. This will allow staff to add the topic to the agenda and supply supporting documents for the committee’s packets. Mr. Donoho continued: at this time, we (city) do not have any other Certificate of Appropriateness. As we (city) receive Certificate of Appropriateness Applications, we will send the committee members a copy of the application. Please remember when you get any application if you want to discuss the application do not “reply to all”, this is in violation to the “Open Meetings Act”. Chairman Fisher thanked Mr. Donoho.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Fisher adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:40 p.m.

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Approved By:

Bill Fisher  
Bill Fisher, Chairman