

## Historic Preservation District Commission

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Call to order

Mr. Jeff Bernard- Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Commissioners- Present: Jeff Bernard, Jill McGuire, Jason Zuckerman, Richard Adamiak,

Terri Hamilton

Absent: Susan Danielson, John Crane

Administrator: Louise Scott; Secretary: Kathy Reeves

Mr. Bernard recognized Troop 611 from Our Lady of the Lake in the audience. He also recognized Mr. Paul Harrison, City attorney.

### New Business

#### 1). Discussion-Revised boundaries of Historic District

Mr. Bernard explained the boundaries came up thru the discussion case of the City bathrooms. He continued that some people thought the boundaries went all the way to the sea wall. He thought it was the most historic piece of property and worthy of discussion.

Ms. Scott stated she thought it was originally intended to be the center line of Lakeshore Drive. She said she drafted the language to be presented to the City attorneys, but that the Commission could make a recommendation to the City Council that they amend the boundaries and then we would send it with an ordinance to be introduced.

Mr. Bernard made a motion to recommend to the City Council extension of the boundary of the Historic District from its current Lakeshore Drive to the northern edge of Lake Ponchartrain. Mr. Zuckerman seconded with the addition in accordance of the Cluro 7.6.4.1, for the purpose of the Historic Preservation District.

All present were in favor, the motion passed.

#### 2). Discussion-Protection of City owned historic properties and features proposal

Mr. Bernard stated last time the Commission discussed the property with the old jail. Ms. Scott said she sent out a memo to the Commissioners and was distributed to the City Council.

Ms. Michelle St. Romaine, 1934 Madison, stated she lived next door for many years to the old jail property, the noise, dust and dirt and the use of that property was in no way protected. She felt it should be gotten out of the historic City and into the parish. She said she has had many people knock on her door looking for the old jail because it was on a pamphlet from the Old Mandeville Historic Association as a site to be seen. Ms. Hamilton asked Ms. Romaine what she would like to see go there. Ms. Romaine responded it could be turned into a park, even good parking, or put some green back into it, maybe something for children.

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Mr. Bernard said it was a zoning and non-conforming use issue. Mr. Zuckerman said there was a resolution passed by the City Council to dedicate funds to do a study. Ms. McGuire said it would be really cool to be history of the police department, uniforms and such. Mr. Bernard said Madisonville jail was preserved.

Ms. Rohrbough , 2525 Lakeshore Drive, said Mr. Charles Simoneaux had done a lot of research and made a presentation about the jail.

Mr. Zuckerman said in closing that the Commission take each property on a one on one basis, review it and make a recommendation to the City Council.

### 3). Discussion –Review of City projects within the Historic District

Mr. Zuckerman asked what is actually reviewed by design review on City projects. Ms. Scott responded that no City projects were reviewed formally, but if there was a new building it would be. Mr. Harrison, City attorney, said sovereigns, if they have a public purpose, can in sense break their own rules. Mr. Zuckerman responded that he thought the City would at least use the same resources as the community, to get valuable input before executing the projects. Mr. Bernard said this would send a consistent message to the community that the City lives by the rules that they set. Ms. Scott suggested that maybe the City Council create a committee, with a member of Parks and Parkways, Historic District Commission and Planning & Zoning, to meet with public works about large projects. Mr. Zuckerman stated it had been a good discussion and wanted to keep it on the agenda.

### 4). Discussion-Historic Commissions review of all new construction

Mr. Bernard stated that the number of 4000 square feet was obtained after lengthy discussion. Mr. Zuckerman asked how to pull the resource of design review. Ms. Scott said there should a consistency between small projects and large ones. Ms. Hamilton stated design review should look at everything.

Ms. Scott said design review will look at HPDC cases and give comments, and the design review cases will be sent out to HPDC to look at.

## OLD BUSINESS

### 1). Discussion –Demolition by neglect

Mr. Harrison stated he and Mr. Deano were still working on it.

### 2). Discussion-RFP for guidelines

Ms. Scott said she still needed to meet with Mr. Deano.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

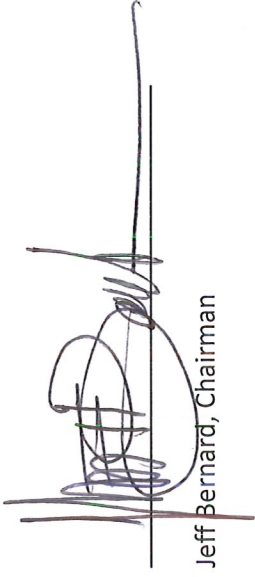
Mr. Bernard announced the next HPD meeting would be January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Zuckerman made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Hamilton seconded. The meeting was adjourned.



Kathy Reeves, Secretary



Jeff Bernard, Chairman

