

HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MINUTES
THURSDAY, 18 JUNE 2026
CITY HALL ANNEX, 900 BAGBY ST., PUBLIC LEVEL, HOUSTON TX 77002

Call to Order and Roll Call by Chair Bucek at 2:36 PM

Commissioners	Quorum – Present / Absent
David Bucek, Chair	Present
John Cosgrove, Vice Chair	Present
Shantel Blakely	Present
Robert Browning	<i>Absent</i>
Josh Broadbeck	Present
Becky Davis	Present
Zion Escobar	Present, left at 6:35 during Item E.3
Craig Garcia	Present
David Craig Hille	Present
Ashley Jones	Present
Sam Seidel	<i>Absent</i>
Carl Smith	Present
Mark Smith	Present
Robert Williamson, Acting Secretary	Present

Legal Department • Matthew Smith
Ex-Officio Members • Marta Crinejo, Mayor's Liaison to HAHC
Ginger Berni, Architectural Archivist, HHRC

Chair's Report, David Bucek, Chair, announced speaker rules and meeting procedures.

Director's Report, Robert Williamson, Secretary and Deputy Director for the Planning and Development Department, introduced and welcomed two new summer interns joining the Historic Preservation team: Esha Bhavsar, a UT Austin sophomore, and Emily Ryan, a recent Rice University graduate. HAHC Workshop Update: The Historic and Archeological Commission (HAHC) workshop that was proposed to discuss potential changes to commission policies and procedures was not scheduled due to summer scheduling conflicts and the inability to obtain quorum. As a result, the four topics originally planned for the workshop have been added to the current meeting agenda for discussion. Concluded with directing the public to the Houston Office of Preservation hotline and website for questions, 8 3 2 – 3 9 3 – 6 5 5 6, HOUSTONPLANNING.COM

Mayor Liaison's Report – None

MEETING WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER, ITEM A. WAS HEARD AT THIS TIME

A. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING HAHC POLICY AND PROCEDURES:

1. RULES ON ABSTENTION VOTES
2. RECORDATION OF VOTES
3. DRAFT STAFF REPORTS
4. SPEAKER TIME

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration for the April 23, 2026 and May 21, 2026 HAHC meeting minutes

Commission action: Approved both the 23 April and 21 May 2026 meeting minutes.

Motion: Garcia

Second: Davis

Vote: Carried

Opposed: Brodbeck

B. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR THE IRENE AND GEORGE ROBINSON HOUSE, 2322 DUNSTAN ROAD, HOUSTON, TX 77005.

Staff recommendation: Nominates and recommend forwarding to City Council for the Protected Landmark Designation.

Commission action: Approves and recommends the Irene and George Robinson House be forwarded to City Council to be considered for the Protected Landmark Designation.

Speaker(s): None

Motion: Broadbeck

Vote: Unanimous

Second: Jones

Opposed: None

C. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION FOR THE MYRLE AND VERNON WILLIAMS HOUSE, 2107 TANGLEY STREET, HOUSTON, TX 77002.

Staff recommendation: Nominates and recommend forwarding to City Council for the Protected Landmark Designation.

Commission action: Approves and recommends the Myrle and Vernon Williamson House be forwarded to City Council to be considered for the Protected Landmark Designation.

Speaker(s): None

Motion: Jones

Vote: Unanimous

Second: Broadbeck

Opposed: None

D. HOUSTON OFFICE OF PRESERVATION PRESENTATION OF THE NORHILL DESIGN GUIDELINES PUBLIC HEARING.

Commission action: Approve and accept the proposed guidelines generally as presented, incorporating minor typographical corrections previously identified by Commissioner Davis. Amend the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) provisions to remove conditioned attics and conditioned garages from being included in FAR calculations. Recalibrate the FAR chart to provide a consistent and logical progression between lot size and allowable home size. This recalibration should consider adjustments to lot-size increments and the assignment of corresponding FAR values. In recalibrating the chart, include consideration of the typical house sizes of contributing buildings within the district, which are generally smaller. A revised draft will be posted for public review by 25 June 2026.

Speaker(s): Emily Ardoin w/Preservation Houston, Adam Till, Virginia Kelsey, Ty Kekoa on behalf Council Member on Mario Castillo, District H, Mark S. Mary Schultz, Kimberly Sturrock, John Santarelli, Rebecca Hackworth, Laurance Febo, Duane Bradley, Karen Stokes

Motion: Garcia

Second: Broadbeck

Vote: Unanimous

Opposed: None

E. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS; ONE OR MORE ITEMS MAY BE TAKEN IN ONE MOTION AS CONSENT ITEMS:

#	Address	Application Type	Historic District or Landmark	Staff Recommendation
1	1118 Tulane St	Alteration – Addition	Houston Heights West	Approval
2	4601 Oak Ridge St	Alteration – Addition, Foundation, Siding or Trim, Doors, Windows, Porch or Balcony, Chimney, Roof, Other	Norhill	Approval w/conditions
3	509 Euclid St	Alteration – Addition	Woodland Heights	Denial
4	1215 Ashland St	Alteration – Addition	Houston Heights West	Denial of COA, issuance of COR
5	121 E 18th St	Alteration – Addition	Houston Heights East	Approval
6	405 Highland St	Alteration – Windows	Woodland Heights	Approval
7	7718 Morley St	Alteration – Roof, Other	Glenbrook Valley	Denial
8	310 W 13th St	Alteration – Addition	Houston Heights West	Approval w/conditions
9	2132 Troon St	Alteration – Addition	LM: Kendall-Levine House	Approval
10	2132 Troon St	New Construction – Garage or Carport	LM: Kendall-Levine House	Approval
11	1993 W Gray St	Alteration – Sign	LM: River Oaks Shopping Center	Approval
12	811 W Melwood St	Demolition – Garage or Carport	Norhill	Approval
13	811 W Melwood St	New Construction – Garage or Carport	Norhill	Approval
14	1923 Washington Ave	Alteration – Sign	Old Sixth Ward	Approval

Staff recommendation: Approval of all Item(s) E. No.'s, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14.

Commission action: Accepted staff recommendations for Item E., No's 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14.

Certificates of Appropriateness (COA) and Certificates of Remediation (COR).

Motion: Cosgrove

Vote: Unanimous

Second: Jones

Opposed: None

ITEM(S) E. 1, 2, 3 AND 7 WERE REMOVED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION.

E.1. 1118 TULANE STREET

Staff recommendation: Approval.

Commission action: Approved staff's recommendation with the condition, the original veneer is retained, repaired, and reinstalled in place, with no substitution of siding for the original material.

Speaker(s): None

Motion: Davis

Second: Brodbeck

Vote: Unanimous

E.2. 4601 OAK RIDGE STREET

Staff recommendation: Approval, with conditions that the existing front porch remains. The proposed porch to be removed from the scope.

Commission Action: Approved as submitted. The porch must be constructed in a manner that allows it to be removed in the future and the house restored to its current condition if desired.

Speaker(s): Jordan Prentile, applicant

Motion: Blakely

Second: Escobar

Vote: Carried

Opposed: Davis, Brodbeck

E.3. 509 EUCLID STREET

Staff recommendation: Denial does not satisfy criteria.

Commission action: Deferred.

Speaker(s): Edis Hobson, applicant, Paul Whitehouse, Charlotte Scales, Jane Buchanan – opposed

Motion: Brodbeck

Second: Hille

Vote: Unanimous

E.7. 7718 MORLEY STREET

Staff recommendation: Denial; does not satisfy criteria 1, 3, and 4, and issuance of COR requiring removal of paint from brick.

Commission action: Accepts staff's recommendation.

Speaker(s): Cipriano Bentancourt, applicant

Motion: Cosgrove

Second: Blakely

Vote: Unanimous

F. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

Edis Hobson, applicant of 509 Euclid Street, speaker stated they never intended to remove or demolish the tree at 509 Euclid. Their goal was to preserve it, but some limbs extend onto their property and would need to be trimmed to allow construction of the proposed structure. They clarified that they were not opposed to maintaining the existing wood siding and windows on the front of the house, and that the new addition would also use wood windows. Their intention was to remain consistent with historic preservation expectations and to retain the integrity of the home. The speaker noted understanding massing requirements can be challenging when nearby homes in the Woodland Heights area have larger footprints, though they recognize differences between Woodland Heights, Norhill, and Historic Heights. They reiterated that they were not trying to alter the home's overall integrity or remove the tree, only to address specific limbs that required trimming. Commissioner Broadbeck asked for clarification on Public Comment. Chair Bucek, clarified during public comment, the commission listens but does not engage in dialogue with the applicant.

G. COMMENTS FROM THE HAHC – None

H. HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S REPORT – None

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Commission, Chair David Bucek adjourned the meeting at 6:57 PM.

David Bucek, Chair

Robert Williamson, Secretary