LANDMARK PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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Council Briefing Room, 3rd Floor
101 W. Abram Street, Arlington

June 9, 2022
6:00 p.m.

I. Call to order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Announcements

IV. Approval of Minutes – May 12, 2022

V. Dangerous and Substandard Structures (DSS Staff)
   1. 1713 Joyce Street
      a. Presentation
      b. Public Hearing
      c. Determination

VI. Amendment to the Public Hearing Schedule (Sarah Stubblefield)
   1. Canceling the meeting scheduled for September 8 & calling a new meeting on September 14
      a. Presentation
      b. Public Hearing
      c. Determination

VII. Why I Serve Commissioner Reports (Shirley Patterson & Jason Sullivan)

VIII. Work Plan Items
   1. Local Landmarks: Arlington Cemetery Markers Update (OK Carter & Matthew Baker)
   2. Local Landmarks: Birds Fort Update (Geraldine Mills)
   3. Other Local Marker Program Items
   4. Education Forum Series Presentation (OK Carter)

IX. Local Landmark Research & Application Process Workshop Part 2 (Staff)

X. Historic Preservation Officer Report

XI. Public Forum

XII. Future Agenda Items – July 14, 2022

XIII. Adjourn

For other accommodations or sign interpretive services, please call the Strategic Planning Division at 817-459-6566 not later than 48 hours in advance.
I. Call to Order – Chair Rumans called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Announcements
Commissioner Mills announced that the Arlington Historical Society had posted an article entitled “Great Women of Arlington” which was available to view on the website.

Chair Rumans invited the group to join her on Wednesday, May 18th at 8:30 am in cleaning grave markers at the old Arlington Cemetery on Mary Street.

IV. Approval of Minutes – April 14, 2022
Vice-Chair Reber moved to approve the April 14, 2022, minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Mills, the minutes were approved unanimously.

V. Demolition Permit Applications

1. 433 N. East Street
Mr. Cisneros gave a presentation on the home built in the 1930’s and listed as a Low Priority Resource. The property is adjacent to the Old Town Historic District and is currently zoned Entertainment District Overlay – Residential Medium Density-12 (EDO-RM-12). The home is located on a large 1.77-acre lot with many mature trees and heavy undergrowth which provides shelter for homeless campsites. Commissioner Penson had visited the site and said that the pictures presented did not show the extent of the dilapidated condition of the structures. Mr. Ty Howerton, an architect with H2H Plans, was present to answer questions if needed. He stated that the owner wished to re-develop the lot for townhomes by demolishing the structures and clearing the undergrowth while leaving the large trees.
Vice-Chair Reber moved to approve the release of 433 N. East Street back to the City. Seconded by Commissioner Penson, the motion was approved unanimously.

VI. Why I Serve Commissioner Reports
Commissioner Carter stated that he had been in Arlington for over 50 years, taught high school history and served as an editor of the Arlington Citizen Journal, but did not see himself as a historian until he was asked to re-write a book about Arlington’s history through 1910 written in 1976 by Arista Joyner, co-founder of the Arlington Museum of Art. Commissioner Carter enjoys storytelling and was fortunate to know many of the best historians in Arlington.

Commissioner Mills grew up in Arlington and enjoyed playing outdoors near her family home on Dugan Street and along Johnson Creek as well as helping her family with a newspaper route. She has witnessed many changes over her lifetime and got interested in history as she experienced meeting people in her hometown. In the 1990’s she served on the Johnson Creek Project, meeting volunteers with the Arlington Historical Society (AHS) and getting involved with the Fielder House Museum.

VII. Local Landmark Research & Application Process Workshop
Postponed to the next meeting when all commissioners may be present.

VIII. Work Plan Items

1. Local landmarks: Sandstone Houses Collaborative Research for 314 Orange Street
Chair Rumans suggested the group postpone this item until the next meeting.

Commissioner Mills moved to approve postponement to the June 9, 2022, meeting. Seconded by, Vice-Chair Reber the motion was approved unanimously.

2. Local Landmarks: Arlington Cemetery Markers Update
Ms. Stubblefield noted that three members are working on the QR codes to connect with points of interest in the cemetery, bringing up either text or audio on smart phones. Commissioner Carter and Commissioner Sullivan will write the brief articles and Commissioner Baker will link the info to the QR codes. The LPC will work with the Parks and Public Works Departments and there should be little to no cost involved in the implementation.

3. Local landmarks: Birds Fort Update
Commissioner Mills noted that there was renewed interest in the Birds Fort Centennial marker being restored as well as the possibility of a history center located on the site. She introduced Brian Burns, a member of the AHS, and he spoke about the mission of the newly formed Friends of Birds Fort. He praised Arlington as America’s largest Mid-City, attracting corporate giants and entertainment industry; however, he felt that Arlington should receive more recognition for its vital role in the history of north Texas. In the Texas Centennial Year of 1936, a historical marker was placed at Birds Fort by the State of Texas. The marker is a historic relic and needs to be restored and reset in the Viridian development on Lake Calloway. It was noted that the only three Centennial markers in Tarrant County are all located in Arlington.

M.C. Toyer also spoke to the Commission stating that he had a personal interest in the Birds Fort marker as the great, great, great grandson of John Beeman and the great,
great grandson of William Beeman, two of the Rangers who helped built the Fort. He had recently seen the original marker and knew that it could be repaired and on display again. Commissioner Mills had contacted the State to begin the process of making it accessible to the public again.

Ron Reber, a former LPC Commissioner and Chairperson, stated that he had been in touch with the Armentrout Family, who had owned the Birds Fort property since the 1920’s, and they had historic records and documents on the 100 acres around Lake Calloway and the Birds Fort area. It was suggested that the family be encouraged to donate those documents to a preservation group for safe keeping.

Commissioner Penson volunteered to serve as a liaison to the AHS and the Friends of Birds Fort group regarding ground rules and plans for the Birds Fort Marker restoration.

4. **Other Local Marker Program Items**
   A Local Marker Application for trees will be presented in the future.

IX. **Historic Preservation Officer Report**
   All of the activities previously set on the May calendar for Historic Preservation Month have been occurring on schedule; however, the annual LPC proclamation will not be given at the City Council Meeting on May 24, 2022.

   The LPC meeting scheduled for September 8, 2022, would need to be rescheduled and Council would need to give approval of the new date.

X. **Public Forum**
   None

XI. **Future Agenda Items – June 9, 2022**
   “Why I Serve” comments from each member – Ms. Stubblefield will assign monthly
   Birds Fort
   Historic Trees (July)
   Discussion of Potential Lecture Series

XII. **Adjourn**
   Chair Rumans adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

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Kristina Rumans, Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Commission
APPROVED this 9th day of June 2022
DCCO Oliver asked that DSS take a look at this property to determine if it meets the criteria of a DSS case. Inspector Stewart mailed an Interior Inspection Request to the owner and after no contact, Inspectors Stewart and Gray served an inspection warrant and conducted a full inspection of the property. The property is heavily overgrown with brush, making the structure barely visible from the right of way. There was rotted wood around the eaves and multiple holes in the roof, extending into the interior. There was trash and debris throughout the interior as well as signs of rodent infestation. The structure has been vacant and abandoned for many years and is no longer fit for human habitation in its current state.
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Staff Report

Amendment to the Public Hearing Schedule

| LPC Meeting Date: 6-9-2022 | Document Being Considered: Approval of Amendment |

RECOMMENDATION
Following the public hearing, consider canceling the scheduled September 8, 2022, LPC meeting and adding an additional meeting on September 14, 2022.

PRIOR COMMISSION ACTION
The Landmark Preservation Commission approved the 2022 Public Hearing Schedule on December 9, 2021.

ANALYSIS
Staff has requested the Commission consider amending the approved Public Hearing Schedule due to a conflict on the evening of Thursday, September 8, 2022. Additionally, a new meeting will be added on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, to maintain continuity in the Commission’s business. If approved, the added meeting on September 14th will be held in the Arlington Conference Room on the 3rd Floor of City Hall at 6:00 pm.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Attached: Revised Public Hearing Schedule

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### LPC Public Hearing Meetings on Thursdays

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Local Landmark Research & Application Process Workshop
## 5. DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANCE

A. Explain why the person, place, event, or thing to be marked is significant to the history or culture of Arlington.

This property was originally owned by William J. and Nannie J. Pulley in 1914 until 1943. Arthur Bridges bought the property in 1943. Later passed to great niece Madge Wrefen and was in their family until the current owner bought the property. See narrative for more info.

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B. If submitting for designation under the architectural criteria, please describe the architectural significance of the structure.

A good example of Craftsman Bungalow with gabled roof with exposed roof rafters, the porch wraps to the east side and has sandstone porch supports which are square at base and wood tapered columns above. Listed as CONTRIBUTING in the National Register of Historic Places in the Old Town Historic District. See narrative for more info.

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C. List any group(s) or individual(s) who support this application.

Old Town Neighborhood

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D. What are the future plans for this site, if any?

Owner residence. Air B&B

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E. Indicate the person or organization that will be responsible for long-term maintenance of the marker.

Owner
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HOW TO LEARN ABOUT PEOPLE:

2. Find a Grave – www.findagrave.com
DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANCE

B. If submitting for designation under the architectural criterion, please describe the architectural significance of the structure.

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HOW TO LEARN ABOUT ARCHITECTURE:

1. Historical Resource Survey
DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. Include the current and/or living previous property owner(s)
2. Ask anyone who helped with research or knows about the property or neighborhood to show support for the local landmark designation
3. Contact any neighborhood or historic groups for their support
4. Support is not required to be documented, but strongly encouraged
## DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANCE

D. What are the future plans for this site, if any?

| Owner residence. Air B&B |

1. This should be based on discussions with the property owner
2. Does not have to have a lot of detail
1. Ensure that the owner has been made aware of the process and expectations of maintaining their property as a local landmark. In some cases, there may be an organization who will maintain the property and marker. Just make sure they have confirmed they agree.