

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF MCALLEN

The Historic Preservation Council convened in a meeting on Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 9:01a.m.at the McAllen City Hall – 1300 Houston Avenue – Commission Chambers.

Present:	Dr. Jaclyn Miller	Chairperson
	Danny Boultinghouse	Vice-Chairperson
	Carolina Civarolo	Member
	Melissa S. Knerr	Member
Absent:	David Cazares	Member
	Odette Macdonald	Member
	Trisha Scott	Member
Staff Present:	Iris Dominguez	Deputy City Attorney
	Edgar Garcia	Planning Director
	Carmen White	Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER – Dr. Jaclyn Miller - Chairperson

1. Minutes

- a) Approval or Disapproval of Minutes held on June 29, 2023

Mr. Danny Boultinghouse moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Carolina Civarolo seconded the motion. Motion approved with four board members present and voting.

2. Information Only

- a) Overview and discussion on FY24 CLG Grant Application.

Mr. Garcia stated this came out two weeks ago and would be due November 6, 2023. It would not be up for a vote today but could be entirely something to pursue. There would be 50% match. Mr. Garcia stated he would like a recommendation from the Board, is to apply for what. It has been five or six years that staff wanted to get the Historical inventory updated. Another thing that was very successful was the bus tour. It was couple of years ago during Covid. Residents have been asking to bring it back. Mr. Garcia stated we could do the 50% match through any kind of donations for time and gasoline from the Metro Bus Department and for flyers. If it was something that we can do, we may apply for both. The State would like to see more inventories out there. At this time, he asked the Board if they had any comments or thoughts. It would be brought up for a vote at the next meeting.

Board member Knerr asked what the inventory entailed. Mr. Garcia stated usually staff would be hiring an outside consultant and they ascertain which buildings and districts may be historic. They would do the research as far as architecture who designed it, what it was constructed, has it been maintained to historical standards from when it was built and then cataloging it. Board member Knerr asked Mr. Garcia when the decision would be made for the possibility of the bus tours and inventories. Mr. Garcia stated at the next meeting in September he would put it up for a vote, that way the Board could give their recommendation then taken to City Commission for

their recommendation and then work on the grant afterwards.

Chairperson Dr. Miller asked if the survey had a specific boundary or set a specific area for the City to view. Mr. Garcia stated it would be up to staff expanding the Las Palmas Historical District.


Board member Boultinghouse asked if it would only be within the Historical District. Mr. Garcia stated we could go outside the Historical District. Board member Boultinghouse asked if it was currently the last one that had been done. Mr. Garcia stated it was the Historical District with a few others outside the District.

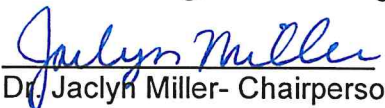
Chairperson Dr. Miller asked in terms of the results of the survey is that what provides a road map for which properties to approach for designations. Mr. Garcia responded yes. Chairperson Dr. Miller asked with employees if without the survey, the Planning Department approach properties. Mr. Garcia stated Planning Department had not done it awhile since we have not had a bona fide Historic Preservation Officer. We have lacked some historical planning and historical architect background staff. Chairperson Dr. Miller asked if there were plans to hire a Historical Preservation Officer. Mr. Garcia responded yes. Chairperson Dr. Miller mentioned that she could send information about the program and had contacts who were Historic Preservation.

3. Adjournment

Ms. Melissa Knerr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Carolina Civarolo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with five members present and voting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

ATTEST


Carmen White


Dr. Jaclyn Miller- Chairperson