

CITY OF HURST

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STATE OF TEXAS

On the 28th day of October, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., the Community Arts and Historic Landmark Preservation Committee of the City of Hurst, Texas, convened in Regular Meeting at the Library, 901 Precinct Line Road, Hurst, Texas, with the following members present:

Billye Runnels-Jones)	Chair
Dallas Snow)	Members
Mary Wismann		
Anne Stimmel		
Cyndi Evans		
Nell DeLaughter		
Kyle Gordon)	Executive Director of Community Services
Jesse Loucks)	Library Director
Hannah Ditgen)	Community Services Management Assistant
Teri Smith)	Community Services Administrative Assistant

with the following members absent: Janice Pyles-Trostle, constituting a quorum, at which time the following business was transacted:

I. Call to Order

Billye Runnels-Jones called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Members

Teri Smith conducted the Roll Call of Members.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 22, 2021 regular meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

IV. Works in Progress

A. Post Oak-Parker Cemetery Historical Marker Updates: Kyle Gordon presented an update on the Post Oak-Parker Cemetery Historical Markers. He explained that Staff will use the existing historical markers from 1968 and 1984 and install them in new locations within the cemetery site with the Committee's permission.

The 1968 marker, titled Parker Cemetery, will be placed within the cemetery just outside the chain-link fence leading to the Parker family graves. The 1984 marker, titled I.D. Parker Public Cemetery, will be placed a few yards within the cemetery just past the entrance.

Anne Stimmel recommended Staff contact the Texas Historical Commission to get information on the process to relocate the markers within the cemetery. Mr. Gordon responded that Staff will work with our region representative.

Additionally, Staff will install a Hurst Historical Marker at the cemetery entrance that combines the narratives from the 1968 and 1984 markers, updates the cemetery name, and gives visitors a comprehensive overview of the cemetery's history. Staff will also add a permanent marker to the cemetery entrance that instructs visitors how to gain access to cemetery grounds. The Committee approved.

Mr. Gordon informed the Committee that Staff will work with the City Manager's office on a timeline for the historical marker installation and a date for a dedication ceremony.

V. Communications

None at this time.

VI. Unfinished Business

None at this time.

VII. New Business

A. Officer Elections

1. **Chair:** Mary Wismann made a motion to elect Billye Runnels-Jones as Chair. Motion seconded by Dallas Snow. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: DeLaughter, Evans, Wismann, Runnels-Jones, Stimmel, and Snow

No: None

2. **Vice-Chair:** Billye Runnels-Jones made a motion to elect Anne Stimmel as Vice-Chair. Motion seconded by Dallas Snow. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: DeLaughter, Evans, Wismann, Runnels-Jones, Stimmel, and Snow

No: None

VIII. Informational Items

A. Art in Public Places

1. **Utility Box Art Project Update:** Hannah Ditgen reminded the Committee that the focus of the art for this project will be community pride and local inspiration. Staff will work with the Hurst Conference

Center who recently did a call for art to find a local artist to create the art for this project. If necessary, Staff will do a separate call for artist.

Ms. Ditgen displayed photos of other utility box art from surrounding cities and reviewed the project budget. Mr. Gordon stated Staff will present proposed locations for the utility boxes that are equitably dispersed throughout the City to address their previous concerns.

B. Oral History Project Update:

- 1. Program Update:** Jesse Loucks reported that the previously approved videos from Phase V have been added to the Hurst History website. Mr. Loucks also mentioned that three videos remain in Phase V. Staff will bring those to the Committee for approval at future meetings.
- 2. Video Review:** Mr. Loucks presented the Oral History Video of Irwin Mathews. The Committee approved the video, and Mr. Loucks informed them that Staff will add the video to the City's website.

IX. Other Business

None at this time.

X. Board Member and Citizen Comments

A. Texas Historic Commission Landscape Recommendation: Hannah Ditgen distributed a document to the Committee containing educational sources regarding landscape alterations on historical sites. Kyle Gordon informed the Committee that sources do not recommend moving plants within the cemetery site. Mr. Gordon asked the Board members to review the document and Staff will bring this item back to the Committee for discussion in January.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Billye Runnels-Jones at 6:04 p.m.

APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2022.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

CHAIR

RECORDING SECRETARY