



## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

**Date:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023  
**Time:** 9:06 AM  
**Location:** Old City Hall, Tampa City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor,  
315 E. Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33602

**Call to Order:** Chair Vivian Salaga called meeting to order at 9:06 AM.

**Silent Roll Call and Introductions:** Alexis Guzman

**Commissioners Present:** Vivian Salaga, Dominique Cobb, KerryAnn Kanch, Mary Schukraft, Susan Swift and Thomas Pluckhahn

**Commissioners Arriving After Roll Call:**

**Commissioners Absent:** Patricia Ortiz

**Staff Present:** Dennis Fernandez, Elaine Lund, and Alexis Guzman

**Legal Staff:** Camaria Pettis-Mackle

Commissioners introduced themselves and their position on the Board.

**Reading of Minutes of March 21, 2023:** By motion the minutes stand as read by unanimous consent.

**Announcements:** Dennis Fernandez, Architectural Review & Historic Preservation Manager

- Discussed the revised calendar date the July hearing to July 11, 2023, due to a scheduling conflict.

**Conflict of Interests/ Ex Parte Communication:** Camaria Pettis-Mackle, Assistant City Attorney  
Camaria Pettis-Mackle asked the Commissioners if there were any conflicts of interest for the record based on the items that are on the agenda. Hearing none, for the record. Ms. Pettis-Mackle asked the Commissioners if there were any ex parte communications regarding the items that are on the agenda today. Hearing none, for the record.

**Swear-In:** Alexis Guzman swore in all owners, applicants, interested parties, and witnesses within City Council Chambers.

**Motion:** Kerryann Kanch      **Second:** Thomas Pluckhahn  
Move to amend the agenda to delay Item Seven.

**Motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.**

**HPC 2023-01**

**Redesignation of Contributing Structure: Hyde Park Historic District**

Original Address:      815 S. Rome Avenue  
Relocation Address:   910 S. Fremont Avenue  
Owner:                    WT Real Estate Holdings II LLC  
Agent:                     T. Truett Gardner

Elaine Lund, Historic Preservation Specialist presented the staff presentation on the property’s history, its relocation, and its rehabilitation. She provided staff’s recommendation to approve this request.

Truett Gardner, the agent representing the request, discussed a more in-depth historical background of the property and provided an overview of why the request qualifies under the code criteria.

**Motion:** Susan Swift      **Second:** Kerryann Kanch

I move to redesignate the property the property located at 910 S. Fremont Avenue as a contributing structure and amend the Hyde Park Historic District building inventory and map, because the application meets the criteria established in National Register Bulletin 15 for the following reasons, A, the property is associated with significant events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history, and C, the property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possess high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

**Motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.**

**Update: Jackson House**

Dennis Fernandez, Architectural Review & Historic Preservation Manager presented a PowerPoint on the Jackson House and the history of the property since it was constructed.

Alis Drumgo, Deputy Administrator for Development and Economic Opportunity, discussed his role with the Jackson House and provided an update on items that are underway for the property.

Dominique Cobb expressed her gratitude that progress is being made with funding and discussed her hopes for another update soon due to weathering conditions.

Missy Schukraft mentioned her concerns with the structural integrity and asked questions regarding an easement along the chain-link fence at the property. Mr. Drumgo addressed Commissioner Schukraft concerns and questions.

Susan Swift asked Mr. Drumgo what the future proposed use of the Jackson House is. Mr. Drumgo advised Commissioner Swift that they intend to use the space as a museum.

**Motion:** Dominique Cobb      **Second:** Susan Swift

Moton to open Items Nine and Ten combined.

**Motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.**

**HPC 2023-03: Johnson Brothers Houses**

**Landmark Designation: Addition to Historic Central Avenue Area/**

**African American Heritage Sites MPL**

Address: 1248 E. Scott Street  
Owner: Open Space Acquisitions LLC  
Agent: Stephanie Ferrell

**HPC 2023-04: Johnson Brothers Houses**

**Landmark Designation: Addition to Historic Central Avenue Area/**

**African American Heritage Sites MPL**

Address: 1250 E. Scott Street  
Owner: Open Space Acquisitions LLC  
Agent: Stephanie Ferrell

Elaine Lund presented a PowerPoint on the history of the property, including what The Scrub neighborhood and the Central Avenue Business District were like. She discussed the segregation laws in place at the time and how they related to the available jobs, schools, and the business district. She illustrated how the neighborhood was impacted by urban renewal. She showed the current surrounding areas and new development that has occurred near the subject properties. She described the frame vernacular style of the properties. She discussed how the request meets the criteria of the Tampa Code Ordinances and provided staff's recommendation to approve this request.

Stephanie Ferrell, representing the owners, agreed with the staff findings and recommendation. She reviewed the upcoming items that are being proposed as the next steps for the subject properties. Ms. Ferrell introduced Paul Jackson, the previous property owner, who discussed his family's history with the properties and the neighborhood.

David Hoss with Tampa Housing Authority, representing the current property owner, spoke on his knowledge and history of the area.

Commissioners Swift, Kanch, Schukraft, and Cobb expressed their agreement in the request as presented. They commented on the well-crafted presentation and its thoroughness.

**Motion:** Dominique Cobb      **Second:** Susan Swift

Move to recommend Tampa City Council approve the request to designate 1250 East Scott Street for Local Historic Landmark designation as an addition to the Historic Central Avenue Area/African American Heritage Sites Multiple Property Group because the application meets the criteria established in City of Tampa Code Section 27-257 for the following reasons, (a) The building, site, structure, object, or district was constructed or achieved its significance during the period of historic significance as delineated in the National Register of Historic Places guidelines or as established in the nomination pursuant to those guidelines and has a quality of significance in American, state or local history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture which is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and that meet National Register Criteria A, B, and C.

**Motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.**

**Motion:** Kerryann Kanch

**Second:** Dominique Cobb

Move to recommend Tampa City Council approve the request to designate 1248 East Scott Street for Local Historic Landmark designation as an addition to the Historic Central Avenue Area/African American Heritage Sites Multiple Property Group because the application meets the criteria established in City of Tampa Code Section 27-257 for the following reasons, (a) The building, site, structure, object, or district as constructed or achieved its significance during the period of historic significance as delineated in the National Register of Historic Places guidelines or as established in the nomination pursuant to those guidelines and has a quality of significance in American, state or local history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture which is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association; that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (otherwise known as Criterion "A" of the National Register Criteria); that are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past (otherwise known as Criterion "B" of the National Register Criteria); and that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction (otherwise known as Criterion "C" of the National Register Criteria).

**Motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.**

**Update: East Tampa**

Dennis Fernandez presented a PowerPoint recognizing the historic resources in East Tampa. He reviewed the existing inventory, identifying sources of information and documentation of eligible sites and structures. He discussed the differences between the national and local designations. He presented the current landmark designations within the area and noted properties on which we are currently working. Photos of historic markers and plaques were shown as examples of ways to commemorate historic sites. Mr. Fernandez provided an update regarding the purchasing of Memorial Cemetery with the proposed landmark designation to come once the sale has closed. He discussed the upcoming East Tampa Community Advisory Committee meeting.

Public Comment:

*Ray Reed*, 1421 Hilton Place, spoke in support of this update.

*Hailey Reed*, 5059 Ronald Circle, spoke in support of this update.

*Norene Copeland Miller*, 1911 E. Chelsea, spoke in support of this update.

Dennis Fernandez suggested once a local designation is completed, then we can move forward to work with the state on the National Register nomination.

Dominique Cobb thanked staff and the public members; she recommended staff consult with USF for their resources in the investigations of the historical background of the area.

**New Business:**

Commissioner Swift requested an update regarding recent bills that have been proposed and whether any have been passed that will affect this board.

Mr. Fernandez presented a PowerPoint addressing some of the major points of SB 1346, which did not pass, from this year’s legislative session.

**Motion:** Dominique Cobb **Second:** Susan Swift

Move to receive and file all submitted documents and exhibits to commission.

**Motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0.**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Nomination:** Missy Schukraft

**Second:** Susan Swift

Move to nominate Dominique Cobb as Chair. Commissioner Cobb accepted the nomination.

**Nomination for Commissioner Cobb as Chair was approved unanimously.**

**Nomination:** Missy Schukraft

**Second:** Dominique Cobb

Move to nominate Commissioner Kanch as Vice-Chair. Commissioner Kanch accepted the nomination.

**Nomination for Commissioner Kanch as Vice-Chair was approved unanimously.**

**Date and Time of Next HPC Meeting:**

July 11, 2023, at 9:00 AM

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 AM

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Vivian Salaga – Chair