



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2023
Time: 9:07 AM
Location: Old City Hall, Tampa City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor,
315 E. Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33602

Call to Order: Chair Dominique Cobb called meeting to order at 9:07 AM.

Silent Roll Call and Introductions: Alexis Guzman

Commissioners Present: Dominique Cobb, KerryAnn Kanch, Mary Schukraft, and Susan Swift

Commissioners Arriving After Roll Call: N/A

Commissioners Absent: Vivian Salaga, Thomas Pluckhahn, and Patricia Ortiz

Staff Present: Dennis Fernandez, Elaine Lund, Heather Bonds, and Alexis Guzman

Legal Staff: Camaria Pettis-Mackle

Commissioners introduced themselves and their position on the Board.

Reading of Minutes of July 11, 2023: By motion the minutes stand as read by unanimous consent.

Announcements: Dennis Fernandez, Architectural Review & Historic Preservation Manager

- The 2024 Public Hearing cycle calendar has been provided to the Commissioners for review.

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.

HPC 2023-07

Landmark Designation: Memorial Park Cemetery

Owner: City of Tampa

Address: 2425 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd

Elaine Lund, Historic Preservation Specialist, delivered a presentation on Memorial Park cemetery, providing insights into its location, dimensions, landscaping details, and history. She also discussed the veterans' memorial dedication, burial markers, and significant burials within the cemetery, and presented photos of the variety of headstones and the symbolism on the engravings. Ms. Lund then explained the review criteria and how the proposed landmark complies with Section 27-257 of the City of Tampa Code of Ordinances. She concluded by discussing the designation process, including the items that have been completed and the steps that remain, depending on the motion given during the hearing.

Public Comment:

Aileen Henderson, 914 W Fribley Street, spoke in support of this designation.

Norene Copeland Miller, 1911 E. Chelsea Street, spoke in support of this designation.

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

Carol Collins, 4002 W. La Salle Street, spoke in support of this designation.

Dennis Fernandez, Architectural Review & Historic Preservation Manager, answered questions regarding the designation criteria for Commissioner Dominique Cobb.

Commissioner Missy Schukraft addressed some of the concerns raised during public comment. Mr. Fernandez assured the public that the commission is continuing its research and will update its staff report and findings accordingly.

Commissioner Susan Swift expressed her gratitude to the public for their comments, and reiterated Commissioner Schukraft's point, that staff is demonstrating that the proposal is in compliance with the designation criteria.

Motion: Missy Schukraft

Second: KerryAnn Kanch

Move to recommend Tampa City Council approve the request to designate the Memorial Park Cemetery located at 2425 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard for Local Historic Landmark Designation because the application meets the criteria established in City of Tampa Code Section 27-257 for the following reasons: (a)(1) The building and site was constructed or achieved its significance during the period of historic significance as delineated in the National Register of Historic Places; (a)(2) It has a quality of significance in American, state, or local history and meets the criteria known as National Register Criteria A, B, and C. In addition to the criteria set forth above, the HPC shall consider the following factors for a landmark designation: (1) Whether the owner(s) supports the designation, which it does.

Motion passed with a vote of 4-0-0.

New Business:

None submitted.

Date and Time of Next HPC Meeting:

November 14, 2023, at 9:00 AM

Motion: Susan Swift

Second: KerryAnn Kanch

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

Motion passed with a vote of 4-0-0.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 AM.

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Dominique Cobb – Chair

