



## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2024  
**Time:** 9:00 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 9:02 AM.

**Silent Roll Call:** Alexis Guzman

**Commissioners Present:** Dominique Cobb, KerryAnn Kanch, Thomas Pluckhahn, Bruce Gibson, and Susan Swift

**Commissioners Arriving After Roll Call:** N/A

**Commissioners Absent:** N/A

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

**Legal Staff:** Camaria Pettis-Mackle

**Introductions:** Commissioners introduced themselves and their position on the Board.

**Reading of Minutes of July 16, 2024:** By motion the minutes stand as read by unanimous consent.

**Announcements:** Dennis Fernandez, Historic Preservation Manager

- All Commissioners have been provided with the 2025 HPC calendar and a copy of the recently completed Tampa historic designations book, produced by the Historic Preservation staff.

### **Preservation in Progress:**

Elaine Lund, Historic Preservation Specialist, presented a PowerPoint on Fire Station No. 2 (1313 E. 8th Ave.), Tampa's oldest fire station structure. The presentation featured historical images and an overview of the building's history, including the recent adaptive reuse rehabilitation project and the change in status to a contributing structure in the Ybor City Historic District.

**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-24-000027**

**Local Historic Landmark Designation**

Doby House

Owner: Tara Nelan

Address: 1405 W. Azeele Street

Tara Nelan, property owner of 1405 W. Azeele Street, expressed her support for designating her home as a Local Landmark. She emphasized the home's historical significance in relation to Mr. Doby and Dobyville, stating that it should be preserved and protected to maintain a vital piece of local history.

Elaine Lund, Historic Preservation Specialist, presented a PowerPoint on the history of the c.1912 Doby House. She noted the property's location and Hyde Park's early development, using Sanborn maps and historic photos to illustrate the area's transformation over time. Ms. Lund highlighted significant residential and commercial buildings in Dobyville and compared aerial maps from different years to show the impact of the construction of the Crosstown Expressway on Hyde Park and Dobyville. She also delved into the history of the structure's prior owner, Richard C. Doby, and his contributions to the City of Tampa. Finally, Ms. Lund explained how the structure meets the criteria to be designated a local landmark.

Commissioners Gibson and Pluckhahn inquired about the designation eligibility criteria applied to the Doby House. Ms. Lund explained that the building was not being considered under Criterion C as an example of an architectural style due to its alterations, but that it retains enough of its original form and features to still convey its historic associations with Richard Doby and his significant role in the City's Community Planning & Development and Ethnic Heritage.

**Motion:** Bruce Gibson                      **Second:** KerryAnn Kanch

Move to recommend Tampa City Council approve the request to designate the property located at 1405 W. Azeele Street 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) 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 possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association; and that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our historic (Criterion "A"); and that are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion "B").

**Motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0.**

**FIVE MINUTE RECESS**



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

November 12, 2024, at 9:00 AM

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.

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

Dominique Cobb – Chair