DATE: October 31, 2008

TO: Members of the Economic Development Committee:
Ron Natinsky (Chair), Tennell Atkins (Vice Chair), Dwaine Caraway, Jerry R. Allen, Sheffie Kadane, Mitchell Rasansky, Linda Koop, and Steve Salazar

SUBJECT: Revisions to the Landmark Commission’s Rules of Procedure

Included on the agenda for November 3, 2008 is a briefing on the proposed changes to the Landmark Commission’s Rules of Procedure, which require Council Approval. These changes represent the results of a periodic review of the rules, resulting in a cleaning up/clarification of language and minor procedural revisions. A copy of the proposed changes is attached.

If you need further information please call Theresa O’Donnell at 214-671-9292.

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Purpose

• Brief Committee on revisions to the Landmark Commission Rules of Procedure
Background

- The Landmark Commission appointed a committee to perform a periodic review and update to its Rules of Procedure.
- City Ordinance requires the Council to approve all revisions to the Landmark Commission Rules of Procedure.
- The following is a summary of changes to the Rules approved by the Landmark Commission and recommended to the Council for adoption.
Rules of Procedure Changes

- **Section 7 (A) (4): Conduct of Members**: Commissioners are required to preserve order and decorum and to give utmost courtesy to each other, city employees and members of the public.

- **Section 8 (C); Conduct of Citizens and Other Visitors**: provides that any member of the Commission may move to require the chair to act to enforce the Rules of Conduct.

- **Section 9; Executive Sessions**: revisions primarily to bring this section into accordance with state law.

- **Section 14 (F) (b) & (c); Task Forces**: Changes to address composition of task forces related to professional and stakeholders representation on the Fair Park and Cemeteries Task Forces.
Rules of Procedure Changes

- **Section 14 (H); Terms**: Provides that a Task Force Member may serve until reappointed or replaced, rather than being required to sit out a term after serving a specified number of previous terms.

- **Section 14 (O); Unfair Advancement of Private Interests**: Prohibits Task Force Members from using their position to advance private interests.

- **Section 16; Designation Committee**: New section to establish the purpose and processes of the Designation Committee.

- All other minor changes center around wording and clarification of the intent of sections.
Questions