

**HERITAGE COMMISSION SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
December 3, 2019**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Harold Sickler, Chair  
Brian Bedingfield, Vice Chair  
Jason Morgan  
Kendal Reed  
Dub Spencer

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

Nancy Baldwin  
Brock Karahan

**STAFF PRESENT**

Victor Flores, Assistant City Attorney III  
Mike Bell, Comprehensive Planning Manager  
Bhavesh Mittal, Heritage Preservation Officer  
Karen Suiter, Sr. Administrative Assistant

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

Chair Sickler convened the Commission into the Special Called Meeting on December 3, 2019 at 6:01 p.m. in Planning Conference Room 2E of the Plano Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue. A quorum was present. Chair Sickler led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 1) Discussion & Consideration: Emergency Cemetery Repair Funding Request –** Discussion and consideration of a recommendation to City Council regarding a request from the Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation, Inc. (PCHP) for emergency grant funding up to \$32,726.50 to be used towards repair of damages at the Young and Rowlett Creek Cemeteries resulting from tornadoes in October, 2019.

Bhavesh Mittal, Heritage Preservation Officer, made a presentation of tornado damages made to the Young Cemetery and Rowlett Creek Cemetery on October 20/October 21, 2019. Chair Sickler asked if this funding would be in addition to the previously approved grant funding for the Plano Mutual Cemetery restoration. Mike Bell, Comprehensive Planning Manager, confirmed that the funds would be in addition to any previously approved grant funding and would likely require an amendment to the PHCP's existing grant contract. Chair Sickler asked staff to make note of the special circumstances of these funds on any relevant materials related to the annual Heritage Preservation Grant Program. Vice Chair Bedingfield asked if the funds would count against any future grant request. Mr. Bell responded that these funds would be a one-time request and would not count against any future grant request.

Some general discussion about future emergency requests was held. Mr. Bell noted that it is a long-term goal of the preservation plan to explore a disaster fund. There is no guarantee that funds would be available for any similar requests in the future.

Commissioner Morgan asked about the ownership of the cemeteries. Candace Fountoulakis, representative of the Young Cemetery Association (YCA), provided clarification that the YCA has control of the property as a non-profit cemetery association but does not own the property under state law. Commissioner Morgan asked about the extent of the damage. Ms. Fountoulakis described the damage and risk of additional damage at Young Cemetery. There was general discussion about the bids provided and discussion of a future disaster recovery fund.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Commissioner Spencer and seconded by Commissioner Reed, the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the request from the Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation, Inc. for emergency grant funding up to \$32,726.50 to be used towards repair of damages at the Young and Rowlett Creek Cemeteries resulting from tornadoes in October 2019.

There being no further discussion, Chair Sickler adjourned the Special Called Meeting at 6:21 p.m.



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**Harold Sickler, Chair**