Minutes
Historic Resources Board
SPECIAL MEETING
Harmon Conference Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Avenue
September 8, 2008
4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Tom Roberts, Chair; Elaine Mohr; Ray Weisenburger; Bonnie Lynn-Sherow; Tracy Anderson; Patrick Schaub.
Members Absent: Brooke Norman-Tapp, Vice Chair.
Others Present: Chuck Bartlett, HWS; Buck Driggs, HWS; Gina Scroggs, DMI; Bruce Snead, City Commissioner.
Staff Present: Cam Moeller, Planner II; Jason Hilgers, Assistant City Manager; Dale Houdeshell, Director of Public Works; Rob Ott, City Engineer; Emily Heim, Senior Accountant.

1. Discussion of South 4th Street and South Downtown Redevelopment Area

Buck Driggs and Chuck Bartlett of HWS presented an overview of the transportation and parking aspects of the South Downtown Redevelopment Plan, and also discussed storm water drainage. Patrick Schaub, representing Bowman Bowman Novick Inc., discussed the identification of bicycle-friendly routes.

Roberts said he had concerns about whether all the Board's comments were heard during the July 30th Stakeholder Meeting, which was a forum for the Board to provide input on the South Downtown Redevelopment plans. Roberts expressed concern that others members of the public, not on the Board, also made comments during the time that had been allotted to the Board. Roberts said the purpose of this Special Meeting is to provide assurance that the Board's comments are heard.

Roberts noted that the movie theater is within the historic environs of the Union Pacific Depot, and discussed the importance of designing the movie theater to be compatible with the Depot.

Lynn-Sherow said more attention should be given to walkability and how the development will look to the pedestrian. The Board discussed the need for a consistent, coordinated appearance with respect to the use of bricks and concrete for sidewalks and other pedestrian areas, and recommended a greater emphasis on the utilization of bricks than seen in the North Downtown Redevelopment Area.

It was noted that the Board had not yet reviewed the final designs of the Historic Signs that are to be located along North 4th Street, between Leavenworth Street and Bluemont Avenue.

Mohr asked about the possibility of a Farmer's Market within the South Redevelopment Area.

The Board discussed, in general terms, its role as an advisory board to the City Commission and how best to convey its recommendations to the Commission. The Board discussed the possibility of forwarding its recommendations to the Commission through memorandums.

2. <u>Upcoming Meetings</u>:

- Monday, September 22, 2008
- Monday, October 27, 2008

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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