

Minutes
Historic Resources Board
City Commission Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Avenue
March 25, 2010
4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Ray Weisenburger, Chair; Tom Roberts, Vice Chair; Tracy Anderson; Patrick Schaub; Michael Krysko.

Members Absent: George Luppe; Brooke Norman-Tapp.

Others Present: Kathy Dzewaltowski.

Staff Present: Cam Moeller, Planner II; Lance Evans, Senior Planner.

1. Consider the minutes of the February 22, 2010, Historic Resources Board meeting.

Roberts moved that the Board approve the February 22, 2010 minutes. Schaub seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 4-0 (Krysko not had net arrived).

2. Environs Review

New Front Porch, 109 N. 9th (within environs of Woman's Club House and Robert Ulrich House)

Moeller informed the Board that the applicant was unable to attend the meeting.

Moeller provided an overview of the plans for the porch, which had been revised based on the comments made by the Board at the February 22nd meeting.

The Board was of the consensus that plans do not provide enough detailed information to adequately convey how the porch will look and how it will be constructed.

Roberts moved to table the review until more information is provided with the plans for the Board to be able to review the proposal.

Schaub seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 5-0.

3. Discuss Historic Plaques & Markers

Roberts provided background on the work that was done by the Board several years prior towards developing guidelines and a review process for historic markers. Roberts talked about historic plaques for individual buildings, as well as the potential for other types of markers for neighborhoods and districts. Roberts noted how since that time there has been a series of historic panels developed for the downtown redevelopment areas, which may provide some direction for the design of other markers and plaques in the community.

The Board expressed support for some type of program to establish a consistent and identifiable aesthetic for historic markers in Manhattan.

Roberts said he would provide for the Board photographic examples of historic markers from other communities. Schaub said he would provide for the Board materials on the design concepts connected with the downtown redevelopment.

Moeller said he would contact other Kansas communities with historic marker programs to learn about how those have been implemented.

4. Prioritization of potential Historic Districts

The Board discussed some of the criteria to consider in prioritizing areas within the community that are candidates for historic districts, including areas which are more threatened as well as those that are perceived to have higher levels of property owner support. Among the areas mentioned by the Board were the Landmark Water Tower neighborhood, the neighborhood west of City Park, and the “Institutional District” at Juliette & Poyntz, which was identified in the 2003 Cultural Resource Survey.

The Board requested that City staff provide a step by step outline of the process that was followed in nominating the Houston & Pierre Streets Residential Historic District, as a guide for future nominations. The Board also requested that City staff compile data related to property ownership for the neighborhood west of City Park.

5. Scheduling training session with SHPO staff

The Board recommended that the training session be scheduled for a date after the new appointments to the Board have been made. City staff will work with SHPO staff to schedule a meeting date.

6. Announcements and Updates

The Board discussed having the Mayor read a proclamation for Preservation Month in May. The Board asked City staff to contact potential co-sponsors.

7. Future Items

Among the future items identified by the Board are further discussions of historic markers and prioritization of historic districts.

The Board also recommended that the Election of Officers be scheduled for the April meeting.

8. Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, April 26, 2010
- Monday, May 24, 2010

9. **Adjourn**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cam Moeller, AICP, Planner II

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