Minutes
HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD

City Commission Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Avenue
Monday, January 23, 2012
4:00 P.M.

Members Present: George Lauppe; Chair, Dixie West, Dea Brokesh, Michael Krysko, Michael Mecseri, Michael Dudek, Patrick Schaub
Members Absent: none

Others Present: Kathy Dzewaltowski, Lauren Ritterbush

Staff Present: Lance Evans, Senior Planner

1. Consider the minutes for the November 28, 2011 Historic Resources Board meeting.

   Dudek moved that the Board approve the November 28, 2011 minutes as amended. Schaub seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 5-0.

2. Code Violation Report – no report

3. Community House
   The Board discussed the December tour and the issues of concern with the Community House including amount of maintenance required to repair building, accessibility and future redevelopment options. The Board discussed ideas for redevelopment and questioned if the contributing aspects of the building were interior or exterior. A feasibility study and other development options such as remodeling or reconstruction should be explored. The Board asked staff to contact SHPO and discuss options for use of the Community house and forward that information to Parks and Recreation. Other items identified for exploration were Request for Proposals and preservation easement to protect the building from being torn down.

4. Historic Tax Credits in the State of Kansas
   The Board discussed the proposed tax plan for elimination of the Kansas historic tax credits. A group, Friends of Historic Preservation, was formed to raise funds for a lobbyist to keep the historic tax credits.

5. Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Requests
   The Board reviewed past CIP projects in the action plan and determined that the proposal for historic street lights on Houston and Pierre Streets were chiefly for aesthetic reasons.

   Lauren Ritterbush requested a CIP requested matching funds for a phase III archeological survey. This would be a 40% match for a 2013 Historic Preservation Fund grant application. The request is a recommendation from the 2009 Archeological Survey to conduct test excavations on high priority sites around Manhattan. It would require a small scale excavation to determine what artifacts are present and intact. The request would be for the City, as a Certified Local Government to submit the grant application and provide a

match of staff time, city resources and some portion of cash to meet the Historic Preservation Grant requirements.

The Board discussed the project requirements. West moved that the HRB support the Archeology evaluation in the Manhattan Kansas Wildcat Creek environs for a 40% match in cash and resources. Mecseri seconded the motion which passed 7-0.

6. Future Items
   Historic Summit is scheduled for March 1st in the City Commission Room from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., exact times to be set.

7. Announcements and Updates
   A. Historic preservation fund – announcement
   B. African American Multiple Property Document Form is scheduled for the February 18 Sites Committee meeting in Topeka.

8. Adjourn