

Minutes
Historic Resources Board
Conduff Conference Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Avenue
October 15, 2007
4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Tom Roberts, Chair; Mike Mecseri, Vice Chair; Jean Hill; Ray Weisenburger; Elaine Mohr; Bonnie Lynn-Sherow; Tracy Anderson.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Clint Hibbs; Ben West; Dave West; Greg West; Tom Arpin; Susan Zeller; Linda Glasgow.

Staff Present: Cam Moeller, Planner; Jane Winslow, Senior Planner.

1. ENVIRONS REVIEW

Sign Permit, Dept. of Veteran Affairs, 205 S. 4th Street (Non-Contributing Structure within Downtown Historic District)

Moeller provided a brief overview of the proposal.

After discussion, Mecseri moved that the Board find that the proposal meets the *Standards and Guidelines for Evaluating the Effect of Projects on Environs* and will not encroach upon, damage or destroy any listed historic property or its environs.

Lynn-Sherow seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 7-0.

2. ENVIRONS REVIEW

New Apartment Building, 5th & Humboldt (within environs of Downtown Historic District; Riley County Courthouse; Manhattan Carnegie Library)

Moeller explained how the applicant had made revisions to the building design based on recommendations made by the Board at the September 24, 2007 meeting. While the Board had initially directed City Staff to review the project administratively after the revisions had been made, it was determined that the Board should review the revisions to ensure that they were consistent with what the Board had recommended.

Clint Hibbs explained why they had chosen to go with a flat rather than a sloping canopy. Hibbs said flat canopies require less maintenance, look cleaner longer, and provide more protection from ice and snow runoff.

Lynn-Sherow said she is perfectly fine with the canopies, as proposed.

The Board discussed the placement, in terms of height, of the windows in relation to the doors.

After discussion, Mohr moved that the Board find that the proposal meets the *Standards and Guidelines for Evaluating the Effect of Projects on Environs* and will not encroach upon, damage or destroy any listed historic property or its environs.

Hill seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 7-0.

3. **Discussion of upcoming October 23rd City Commission Work Session, which will be an update on the status of the Multiple Property Submission (MPS) Cover Documents, the Strasser House Nomination, and the Residential Historic District Nomination.**

The Board discussed how they wished to present information at the upcoming Work Session.

4. **Announcements and Updates**

5. **Future Items**

Linda Glasgow, Riley County Historical Museum, provided information to Board members about the Preserve America Communities program. The Riley County Historical Museum has been working with the Manhattan Convention and Visitors Bureau, Downtown Manhattan Inc., and the City in preparing an application for Manhattan to become a Preserve America Community. The Board will discuss this at the October 22nd meeting.

6. **Upcoming Meetings:**

- Monday, October 22, 2007
- Monday, November 26, 2007

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cam Moeller, AICP, Planner II

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