

Minutes
Historic Resources Board
SPECIAL MEETING
Conduff Conference Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Avenue
January 12, 2009
4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Tom Roberts, Chair; Elaine Mohr; Ray Weisenburger; Tracy Anderson.

Members Absent: Brooke Norman-Tapp, Vice Chair; Patrick Schaub; Bonnie Lynn-Sherow.

Others Present: Linda Glasgow.

Staff Present: Karen Davis, Director of Community Development; Cam Moeller, Planner II; Jason Hilgers, Assistant City Manager; Brian Williams, Assistant to the City Manager; Nick Arena, Intern.

1. ENVIRONS REVIEW

Removal of Structures in South Downtown Redevelopment Area (within environs of Union Pacific Depot, Downtown Historic District, and Houston and Pierre Streets Residential Historic District).

Jason Hilgers presented the Board with background information related to the South Redevelopment project, and showed the progression of the various concept plans that had been developed. Hilgers responded to questions from the Board about parking and the farmer's market.

The Board discussed whether any features within the South Redevelopment Area would be considered "character defining" within the historic environs.

The Board discussed its preference that two houses, 315 and 325 Yuma Street (identified as 18A and 20A on the map and property list), be moved, if possible. It was noted that these two houses are not located within the environs of any historic property.

The Board discussed its preference that bricks be salvaged and incorporated into the new redevelopment, potentially along S. 4th Street or in the plaza area.

Weisenburger moved that the Board recommend to the City Commission that the bricks within the South Redevelopment Area be salvaged and preserved, where possible, and reused and incorporated into the South Redevelopment project and/or the S. 4th Street improvements.

Mohr seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 4-0.

Anderson moved that the Board recommend to the City Commission that the City make a reasonable effort to move and relocate the structures identified as 18A and 20A, by October 1st, 2009.

Weisenburger seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 4-0.

Regarding the environs review, Mohr moved that the Board find that the project 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.

Anderson seconded the motion.

Linda Glasgow said she would like to see research be done into the history of buildings, beyond assessing architectural significance, to determine whether anything else is of historic significance, including possible ties to historic figures.

After discussion, and after making note that the City has created a photo archive of the buildings in the redevelopment area, the Board approved the motion on a vote of 4-0.

2. Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, January 26, 2009
- Monday, February 23, 2009

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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