

Minutes
Historic Resources Board
City Commission Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Avenue
February 23, 2009
4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Tom Roberts, Chair; Brooke Norman-Tapp, Vice Chair; Ray Weisenburger; Tracy Anderson; Patrick Schaub; Bonnie Lynn-Sherow; Elaine Mohr.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: John DiCicco; Linda Glasgow.

Staff Present: Cam Moeller, Planner II; Robb Ott, City Engineer; Nick Arena, Public Works Management Assistant; Brian Williams, Assistant to the City Manager.

1. Consider the minutes of the January 26, 2009, Historic Resources Board meeting.

Anderson moved that the Board approve the minutes. Weisenburger seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 6-0. (Lynn-Sherow had not yet arrived)

Weisenburger noted that the minutes include mention of the Board's suggestion that historic research be compiled for significant demolition projects. Weisenburger questioned who would be responsible for doing that type of research. It was agreed that this would be a future item of discussion. Regarding the South Downtown Redevelopment area, Mohr offered to contact Pat O'Brien to discuss some level of historic survey.

2. 4th & Bluemont: Advertising & Relocation Plan

Nick Arena updated the Board about the Advertising & Relocation Plan.

Weisenburger made the suggestion that the City do whatever it can to proactively create opportunities for relocated structures to be placed within developments.

Rob Ott updated the Board about some of the inquiries the City has received to this point.

It was the consensus of the Board that the Advertising & Relocation Plan is consistent with what had been presented and agreed upon previously.

3. CIP Requests: Replacement of Street Lights / Downtown Design Guidelines

Ott presented various options and cost estimates, related to the placement of street lights, for the Board to consider in finalizing its CIP request.

After discussion, Schaub moved that the Board submit a 2010 CIP request for historic street lighting, based on Option #6 presented by City Staff, within a four-block area bounded by Juliette Avenue, 5th Street, Houston Street and Pierre Street. Based on the information provided by City Staff, the estimated cost of the project is \$92,000.

Mohr seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 5-0 (Norman-Tapp and Lynn-Sherow abstained from voting).

Mohr moved that the Board clarify that it considers the CIP request for Downtown Design Guidelines to be the highest priority of the two CIP requests submitted by the Board for 2010.

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

4. REVIEW OF CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE WITHIN HOUSTON & PIERRE STREETS RESIDENTIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT & ENVIRONS REVIEW

Enclosure of Back Porch, 527 Pierre Street (within environs of Downtown Historic District, Hulse-Daughters House, Lyda-Jean Apartment House, Seven Dolors Catholic Church, Elliot House and Wharton House).

Moeller provided an overview of the proposal and John DiCicco, the owner and applicant, provided additional information.

Lynn-Sherow said the addition will be compatible, without being identical, to the original house.

Schaub moved that the Board find that the proposed sign meets *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation* and *The Standards and Guidelines for Evaluating the Effect of Projects on Environs* and will not encroach upon, damage or destroy the listed historic property or its environs.

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

5. Stone House Database

The Board discussed implementing a system to “flag” stone houses so that whenever a demolition permit has been submitted for a stone house, the staff liaison to the HRB would be notified in order to request permission to take photographs to document the interior of the house. In the meantime, exterior photographs will be taken of all stone houses that have been identified as Late 19th Century Vernacular Stone Houses.

6. HRB Strategic Plan

It was agreed that the Board's Strategic Plan would be scheduled for a future Special Meeting to allow adequate time for discussion.

7. Announcements and Updates

- **South 4th Street: Sidewalk Options & Historic Signs**
- **“In Touch” Notification Letters**
- **Brick Sidewalks**

8. Future Items

Lynn-Sherow requested that Brick Sidewalks be scheduled as a discussion item for the March 23rd meeting.

9. Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, March 23, 2009
- Monday, April 27, 2009

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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