

Minutes
Historic Resources Board
City Commission Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Avenue
April 27, 2009
4:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Bonnie Lynn-Sherow; Patrick Schaub.

Others Present: Chuck Bartlett, HWS; Dixie West; Linda Glasgow.

Staff Present: Cam Moeller, Planner II; Dale Houdeshell, Director of Public Works; Jason Hilgers, Assistant City Manager; Brian Williams, Assistant to the City Manager.

1. Consider the minutes of the March 23, 2009, and March 30, 2009, Historic Resources Board meetings.

Weisenburger moved that the Board approve the minutes. Mohr seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 4-0. (Norman-Tapp had not yet arrived)

2. Review of South 4th Street Improvement Project, including Environs Review

Norman-Tapp joined the meeting.

Houdeshell provided the Board with an overview of the South 4th Street Improvement Project, including an explanation of the three alternatives with respect to the use bricks for the sidewalks.

Houdeshell and Chuck Bartlett, HWS, said the construction of the brick sidewalks would be similar to the method used for North 4th Street, with the use of a concrete base and a steel band on the edges.

Houdeshell noted that concerns had been conveyed about a “patchwork” pattern of brick sidewalks on the north end, and emphasized that the design and placement of brick sidewalks on the south end is intended to complement, and be compatible with, the adjacent neighborhood.

Bartlett said that the design of Alternative #1 attempts to tie in to the Poyntz Avenue appearance in terms of the combination of brick and concrete.

Weisenburger said he was hoping for all-brick. Norman-Tapp and Anderson said they liked Alternative #1. Anderson said he liked the contrast and its similar appearance to Poyntz.

Dixie West mentioned the possibility of blending new and old bricks. Houdeshell said blending newer and older bricks is challenging due to the different sizes.

The Board had further discussion about whether there was a preference for the mix of brick and concrete, as shown with Alternative #1, or for a largely all-brick appearance, as shown with Alternative #2.

Anderson moved that the Board find that the proposed design of brick sidewalks on South 4th Street, as presented with the Base Bid and the two alternatives, 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.

Norman-Tapp seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 4-1 (Mohr voted against).

Anderson moved that the Board state its preference for Alternative #2 on the basis that it better complements the residential neighborhood to the west, and that the City Commission be advised of the Board's preference.

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

3. Brick Sidewalk Preservation

Mohr moved that the item be tabled to a future meeting when Lynn-Sherow is present.

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

4. Announcements and Updates

- **State Preservation Conference in Topeka: June 3-6, 2009**
- **May is Preservation Month**
- **Administrative Environs Review: Building Addition – Laundry Room, 824 Leavenworth Street (*within environs of Robert Ulrich House*)**

The Board directed City Staff to draft a proclamation for Preservation Month to be read by the Mayor at a City Commission meeting.

5. Future Items

6. Upcoming Meetings:

- Thursday, May 21, 2009
- Monday, June 22, 2009

By consensus, the Board decided to move the May meeting date to May 11th.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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