

Minutes
Historic Resources Board
City Commission Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Avenue
November 9, 2009
4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Ray Weisenburger, Chair; Tom Roberts, Vice Chair; George Lauppe; Tracy Anderson; Patrick Schaub; Michael Krysko.

Members Absent: Brooke Norman-Tapp.

Others Present: Ron Dechant; Linda Glasgow.

Staff Present: Cam Moeller, Planner II; Lance Evans, Senior Planner.

1. Environs Review

Residential Structure to be moved to 530 Yuma from 325 Yuma (within environs of Houston & Pierre Streets Residential Historic District and Hulse-Daughters House)

Moeller provided an overview of the proposal.

Ron Dechant, Heritage Builders, answered questions from the Board. Dechant said one tree in the right-of-way will have to be moved but it will be replanted.

Schaub 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 the environs of the historic properties.

Roberts seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 6-0.

The Board thanked Dechant for his efforts to be able to preserve the house.

2. Announcements and Updates

The Board was updated about 831 Leavenworth, which the Board reviewed on October 26th for a demolition permit and recommended denial. Since then, a portion of the front porch, including several stone blocks and railings, had been dismantled. Moeller said he had spoken with the owner, First Presbyterian, who explained there had been a miscommunication and they had put a halt to any further action.

Weisenburger said this occurrence raises the question of who is responsible for watching over properties that are in the middle of the historic review process. Weisenburger said this type of action also raises the issue of demolition by neglect.

Linda Glasgow said the Manhattan/Riley County Preservation Alliance is extremely upset and concerned about what happened.

The Board indicated that it would like to contact the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to express its concern and to inquire as to whether there are potential penalties.

Roberts said that even if the action taken to begin dismantling the porch was the result of a miscommunication, the owner is still responsible for ensuring that it does not happen.

The Board indicated that “Demolition by Neglect” should be scheduled as a topic of discussion for a future agenda item.

The Board was updated that Weisenburger and City staff were scheduled to meet with the Downtown Manhattan Inc. (DMI) Board, on November 19th, to talk about design guidelines for the Downtown Historic District.

3. Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, November 23, 2009
- Monday, December 21, 2010

By acclamation, the Board moved the December meeting date from December 21st to December 14th.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cam Moeller, AICP, Planner II

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