

**Minutes**  
**Historic Resources Board**  
**City Commission Room, City Hall**  
**1101 Poyntz Avenue**  
**January 25, 2010**  
**4:00 p.m.**

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

**Members Absent:** Michael Krysko; Brooke Norman-Tapp.

**Others Present:** Lauren Ritterbush; Linda Glasgow.

**Staff Present:** Cam Moeller, Planner II; Lance Evans, Senior Planner; Rob Ott, City Engineer.

**1. Consider the minutes of the December 14, 2009, Historic Resources Board meeting.**

Lauppe moved that the Board approve the December 14, 2009 minutes. Roberts seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 5-0.

**2. Update: Energy-efficient retrofit of Downtown street lights**

Rob Ott, City Engineer, updated the Board about a City program to replace downtown street lights with energy-efficient LEDs, funded through an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. Ott said the intent is to select lights and fixtures that are similar to the existing downtown street lights in terms of the color of the light and the style of the fixture. Ott noted that two test fixtures will be installed at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Poyntz on February 15<sup>th</sup> to provide for a comment period.

Weisenburger expressed a preference for a low, subtle level of lighting. Roberts said there should also be consideration of the angle of lighting and how light projects onto the building facades. Roberts suggested that the City could check with lighting experts at Kansas State University.

**3. 2010 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) Grant Application**

**a. Discuss new information related to Design Guidelines for the Downtown Historic District**

**b. Discuss redirecting application to a Multiple Property Cover Document for African-American Cultural Resources**

After an update from City staff, the Board discussed delaying the HPF Grant application for Downtown Design Guidelines until 2011 to allow time for the Board to fully consider the different implications in adopting design guidelines, and to allow the opportunity for further discussion with Downtown Manhattan Inc.

The Board was informed of another potential project that could be submitted for a 2010 HPF Grant: a Multiple Property Cover Document for African-American Cultural Resources. This project is one of the recommendations of the 2004 Cultural Resource Survey and Bethel AME Church has met with City staff to express their support.

Lauren Ritterbush, Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Sociology at Kansas State University and author of the Manhattan Phase I and II Archaeological Survey, suggested another potential HPF grant project: a Phase III evaluation of an individual archaeological site, including a test excavation. This type of project is a recommendation of the Phase I and II Survey and would determine eligibility of an individual site for the National Register of Historic Places. Ritterbush indicated the project would be less expensive if the City and Kansas State University were able to enter into a pre-arranged agreement regarding consultant selection.

Roberts moved to request that City staff prepare a HPF grant application for a Multiple Property Cover Document for African-American Cultural Resources.

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

Roberts moved to request that City staff prepare a HPF grant application for a Phase III evaluation of an individual archaeological site, if a partnership agreement can be reached between the City, State, and Kansas State University.

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

**4. Discuss projects to request for inclusion in the 2011-2016 Capital Improvements Program (CIP)**

The Board was reminded about the two projects identified in the 2010-2015 CIP: \$30,000 for Design Guidelines for the Downtown Historic District and \$96,000 for Historic Street Lighting for the Houston & Pierre Streets Residential Historic District.

City staff informed the Board that the South Manhattan Neighborhood Association has expressed interest in creating a historic marker for Douglass School, as either a Neighborhood Grant project or potentially as a CIP project.

The Board indicated it would resume discussion of the CIP at its February meeting.

**5. Announcements and Updates**

City staff informed the Board that the stone house at 402 Bluemont has been moved to its new foundation.

**6. Future Items**

The Board identified downtown design guidelines as an agenda item for the February meeting, to include a presentation by Schaub regarding the design guidelines which were written for the Poyntz Avenue corridor as part of the downtown redevelopment project.

**7. Upcoming Meetings:**

- Monday, February 22, 2010
- Thursday, March 25, 2010

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cam Moeller, AICP, Planner II

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