

Minutes
Historic Resources Board
City Commission Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Avenue
August 23, 2010
4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Patrick Schaub; George Lauppe; Michael Krysko; Michael Dudek; Dea Brokesh.

Members Absent: Tom Roberts, Vice Chair; Brooke Norman-Tapp.

Others Present: Larry Fox; S. Lee Taylor; Kathy Dzewaltowski; Thaniel Monaco; Linda Glasgow.

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

1. Election of Historic Resources Board Officers

By acclamation, the Board tabled the Election of Officers to the next meeting.

2. Consider the minutes of the June 28, 2010, and July 26, 2010, Historic Resources Board meetings.

Lauppe moved that the Board approve the June 28, 2010 and July 26, 2010 minutes. Schaub seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 5-0.

3. Preliminary Discussion of First United Methodist Church – Campus Master Plan

Thaniel Monaco, S. Lee Taylor, and Larry Fox of First United Methodist Church presented plans for future changes to the Church campus, shown in two potential phases. Phase I would include an addition linking the Church's east wing to its Education Building. This improvement would entail closing off a portion of the alley between Poyntz and Houston. A future Phase II shows the demolition of the Alan Lee Building and the construction of a new addition north of the Church sanctuary.

Taylor noted a primary reason for connecting the buildings is to improve safety for children and elderly who now have to cross the alley. Fox indicated there is a need for a major upgrade of plumbing, wiring and asbestos removal, which makes it timely to undertake long range planning for the campus.

Brokesh asked about examples of other properties that have blocked off alleys in this area.

Taylor noted that it is not done very often, and cited the City Library and East Campus of Manhattan High as two examples. Taylor said it is very important to the Church that the design of the addition blends in with the existing architecture.

Schaub said the plans did not appear to raise major preservation issues, other than potentially the demolition of the Alan Lee Building. Schaub noted that the Board will review the building design for the Phase I addition when that has been finalized.

Dudek said that the Church's plans seem to be a good design solution.

It was noted that when plans are finalized those would need to come before the Board at a future meeting for environs review under the State Preservation Statute.

4. Historic Resources Board's Action Plan

The Board began a discussion of how to prioritize the projects identified in the Action Plan.

Lauppe suggested that the Board take on one priority project at a time towards which it could concentrate its efforts.

The Board discussed which project should be the first priority project and identified the demolition by neglect issue and brick sidewalk preservation as "high" priority projects and public education as an "immediate" priority.

5. Select Board representative for Downtown Wayfinding Advisory Committee

Michael Dudek was selected as Board representative and Dea Brokesh as alternate.

6. Announcements and Updates

Moeller updated the Board about the Historic Preservation Fund grant project for the survey of African-American Cultural Resources. Qualifications from preservation consultants were due on August 23rd and the Selection Committee will be evaluating those submittals.

7. Future Items

The Board identified Monday, October 11th, at 4:00 pm, as the meeting date and time for its training session with SHPO staff.

8. Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, September 27, 2010
- Monday, October 25, 2010

9. Adjourn

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cam Moeller, AICP, Planner II

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