

Minutes
Historic Resources Board
City Commission Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Avenue
February 28, 2011
4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Tom Roberts, Chair; George Lauppe, Vice Chair; Michael Dudek; Dea Brokesh; Derek Richards; Patrick Schaub; Michael Krysko.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Susan Zoeller; Dixie West; Linda Glasgow; Matt Eichman; Rob Eichman.

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

1. Consider the minutes of the January 13, 2011, and January 24, 2011 Historic Resources Board meetings.

Dudek moved that the Board approve the January 13, 2011 and January 24, 2011 minutes. Richards seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 6-0 (Roberts had not yet arrived).

2. Environs Review

Portable Equipment, Midwest Concrete, 701 S. 4th Street (within environs of Union Pacific Depot)

Moeller provided an overview of the proposal.

Matt Eichman, applicant, answered questions from the Board and the public. Eichman described the functions of the new equipment and clarified their location within the site.

After discussion, Dudek 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 any listed historic property or its environs.

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

3. Review of Contributing Structure within Downtown Manhattan Historic District & Environs Review

Awning Sign, Radina's Coffeehouse, 106 S. 4th Street (Union National Bank Building – Contributing Structure; also within environs of Manhattan State Bank, Community House, Riley County Courthouse, Manhattan Carnegie Library, Houston & Pierre Streets Residential Historic District, and Lyda-Jean Apartment House)

Moeller provided an overview of the proposal.

Susan Zoeller, Thomas Signs, answered questions from the Board related to the placement and installation of the awning. The Board instructed that care be taken to minimize disturbance to the stone facade.

Dudek moved that the Board find that the proposal meets *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation* and will not encroach upon, damage or destroy any listed historic property or its environs.

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

4. Discussion of Demolition by Neglect Research

Krysko summarized research into the issue of Demolition by Neglect, and briefed the Board about a draft ordinance. The Board was provided with examples of other Kansas communities with existing ordinances: Olathe, Wichita, and Lawrence.

There was discussion about getting public input regarding the issue. The Board was generally of the opinion that the Board should reach some concurrence before engaging in a broader discussion with the public.

The Board discussed how an ordinance could be integrated with existing City codes and enforcement mechanisms. The Board discussed talking with Brad Claussen, Building Official, to gain a fuller understanding of the corrective measures already in place.

The Board provided direction that future discussion include a revised draft ordinance and further examination of examples from other communities.

5. Announcements and Updates

A reminder was given about the opportunity for Kansas communities, including Manhattan, to host preservation workshops in 2011. It was noted that coordination of such an event could be a collaborative effort between local preservation groups, including the Manhattan/Riley County Preservation Alliance and the Riley County Historical Society, as well as the Board.

Linda Glasgow suggested workshop sessions related to rental inspections, such as having an expert talk about window repair. Glasgow mentioned Bob Yapp as a potential speaker.

Lauppe suggested there could be a session on lead-based remediation.

6. Future Items

The Board requested an update on the Downtown Wayfinding study.

7. Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, March 28, 2011
- Monday, April 25, 2011

8. Adjourn

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cam Moeller, AICP, Planner II

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