

Minutes
HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD
City Commission Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Avenue
Monday, October 24, 2011
4:00 P.M.

Members Present: George Lauppe, Chair; Michael Dudek; Dixie West; Dea Brokesh; Patrick Schaub; Michael Mecseri; Michael Krysko

Members Absent: none

Others Present: Debbie Saroff, Kathy Dzewaltowski, Mike Mayo, Brad Waller, Bret Tremblay, Ken Ebert, Linda Glasgow, Gwyn Riffel, Rob Westberg; Cindy La Barge

Staff Present: Lance Evans, Senior Planner; Jim McDiffett, Code Services;

1. Consider the minutes for the September 26, 2011 Historic Resources Board meeting.

West moved that the Board approve the September 26, 2011 minutes with corrections. Dudek seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 7-0.

2. Code Violation report – Code Services

Jim McDiffett updated the Board on the four violations. He is continuing to work with the property owners at 117 N. Delaware, 1931 Leavenworth and 1446 Laramie St. The violation at 210 S. Leavenworth will likely be turned over to the attorney's office for prosecution.

3. Environs Review

Downtown Entertainment District Unit Three, PUD Amendment, Lot 9 (*within the Environs of Union Pacific Depot, 120 Fort Riley Boulevard*)

Staff presented the application and surrounding environs.

Bret Tremblay presented the applicant material, Rob Westberg with the Design Group reviewed the hotels design and Ken Ebert reviewed and answered questions on the proposed mixed use building. They also reported that the proposed tunnel connecting the development to the Union Pacific Train Depot is underway but not part of this project.

The Board reviewed details of trash receptacles, bike racks, and one-way entry drive south of the mixed-use building. Ebert pointed out the brick elements on the north and south side of the buildings and the tree grates and seating areas on the north side of the building looking to the park. Stamped concrete will be used on the crosswalks.

West expressed regrets about the destroyed environs and how there is no environs left to protect.

Dudek moved that the Board find that the proposal meets the Standards and Guidelines for Evaluation 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 7-0.

4. Environs Review

New second story windows, 404 Poyntz Ave, (*within the environs of: Downtown Manhattan Historic District, Manhattan Carnegie Library, Riley County Courthouse, Manhattan State Bank, Community House*)

Staff presented the application and surrounding environs.

La Barge stated that they would like to have the windows installed before winter and they plan on continuing clean up of the building façade.

The Board expressed a desire to have the windows match the historic windows as much as possible and that they would have liked to see the historic photos of the building to compare with the proposed windows. They would like to have the replacement windows look something like the original.

Schaub moved 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 provided that city staff review the historic photos of the building and determine that the new windows match the historic windows for inset depth and standard decorative panning comparable with buildings in the district. Dudek seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 7-0.

5. Future Items

West announced that she had been collecting information and researching details for the Historic Summit. The site will be the Historical Museum or Historical Society. She would like to discuss it more at the November Board meeting.

The Board discussed the limitation with the Property Maintenance Code and the problem created with no limit on the time for construction and requested staff to gather more information from Brad Claussen.

The Board also discussed the need to have a mechanism to trigger review other than code and zoning applications.

6. Announcements and Updates

It was announced that the Rocky Ford School is being considered for nomination at the November 19th Site Board of Review.

7. Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday November 28, 2011

8. Adjourn

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lance Evans, AICP, Senior Planner