

Minutes
Historic Resources Board
Conduff Conference Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Avenue
January 31, 2005
4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Bonnie Lynn-Sherow, Chair; Larry Brockson, Vice Chair; Bernd Foerster; Jan Borst; K. Taylor; Charles Bissey; Ray Weisenburger.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Jan Todd; Bruce McMillan; Calvin Emig.

Staff Present: Cam Moeller, Planner.

1. Consider the minutes of the December 21, 2004 Historic Resources Board meeting.

Foerster moved that the Board approve the minutes. Taylor seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 5-0 (Weisenburger and Borst had not yet arrived).

2. ENVIRONS REVIEW

First United Methodist Church, 6th & Poyntz Avenue: Signage Plan

Jan Todd, pastor at First United Methodist, explained why the church would like to install the new signs. Todd said most of the signs are directional signs that are intended to assist people find their way around the First United Methodist campus.

Bruce McMillan, Bruce McMillan AIA Architects PA, said they have tried to be respectful of each building through the design of the signs. McMillan said the choice of different materials is intended to blend in with the buildings. McMillan provided an overview of each of the proposed signs for the Board.

The Board discussed the application. Foerster said the proposed signs tie in with the existing buildings and should enhance the campus. Lynn-Sherow said she did not see how the signs would negatively impact any historic environs. The Board suggested that the amount of lighting be controlled.

The Board found that the proposed project meets the Standards and Guidelines for Evaluating the Effect of Projects on Environs and will not encroach upon, damage or destroy any historic property or their environs. A motion supporting the proposed project was made by Foerster, seconded by Brockson, and adopted on a vote of 7-0.

3. ENVIRONS REVIEW AND ADVISORY REVIEW WITHIN DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT

315 Poyntz Avenue: Storefront Improvements

Emig presented the proposed design of the storefront renovation. Emig showed the Board older photographs of the building that he obtained from the Riley County Historical Museum and said they are trying to emulate the original appearance of the storefront.

The Board discussed the application. Borst said the proposed design appears to incorporate elements that match that photographs of the original building.

The Board found that the proposed project meets the Standards and Guidelines for Evaluating the Effect of Projects on Environs and will not encroach upon, damage or destroy the historic property or its environs. A motion supporting the proposed project was made by Borst, seconded by Bissey, and adopted on a vote of 5-0.

**4. UPDATE: ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW
217 South 6th Street: Demolition of garage**

Moeller notified the Board that staff had administratively reviewed the proposed demolition of the garage and found that the project will not encroach upon, damage or destroy the historic property or its environs. The SHPO reviewed the proposal and also determined that it “will not encroach upon, damage, or destroy any listed historic property or its environs”. The Board concurred that the proposal would not have a negative impact on any historic environs.

5. Discuss projects to request for inclusion in the 2006-2011 Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

The Board requested that the recommended next phases of the Cultural Resource Survey be added as a CIP project. Foerster moved that the Chair of the Historic Resources Board be authorized to fill out the request on behalf of the Board. Borst seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 7-0.

6. Proposed nomination to the National Register of Historic Places – Fitz House, 1014 Houston Street.

7. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

The Board agreed to hold upcoming meetings on the fourth Monday of each month rather than the fourth Thursday.

8. Other Matters:

Foerster informed the Board about a series of presentations he is giving to the community on historic preservation. Lynn-Sherow informed the Board that she gave a presentation related to the Cultural Resource Survey to the Manhattan / Riley County Preservation Alliance.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Cam Moeller, AICP, Planner

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