

Minutes
Historic Resources Board
Conduff Conference Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Avenue
October 24, 2005
4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Larry Brockson, Chair; Tom Roberts, Vice Chair; Mike Mecseri; Ray Weisenburger; Jan Borst; Bonnie Lynn-Sherow.

Members Absent: Jean Hill.

Others Present: Tom Deaver; Josh Salmans; Bruce Arnold; Nancy Arnold.

Staff Present: Cam Moeller, Planner; Kellie Johnston, Planning Intern.

1. ENVIRONS REVIEW AND ADVISORY REVIEW WITHIN DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT

Sign Permits: 317B Poyntz Avenue

After review, the Board suggested that the sign on the front façade should incorporate a lettering style that fits better with the style of the building and its setting within a historic downtown. The Board suggested that it would be better to choose a font that looks more dignified and not quite as playful. Board members said this could be accomplished by using a font that is less rounded and instead has “hard-cut lines”. The Board suggested that the applicant may wish to look at other businesses along Poyntz as examples.

Lynn-Sherow moved that the Board find that that the proposed sign on the front façade of 317B Poyntz Avenue 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, and that the sign is in conformance with the guidelines for the Downtown Historic District with the Board strongly recommending that changes be made to the lettering style, as discussed. Borst seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 6-0.

Lynn-Sherow moved that the Board find that that the proposed sign on the rear façade of 317B Poyntz Avenue 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, and that the sign is in conformance with the guidelines for the Downtown Historic District. Roberts seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 6-0.

2. ENVIRONS REVIEW

Sign Permit: 511 Leavenworth Street

Roberts moved that the Board find that that the proposed sign at 511 Leavenworth Street 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. Lynn-Sherow seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 6-0.

3. Consider the minutes of the September 26, 2005 Historic Resources Board meeting.

Roberts moved that the Board approve the minutes. Mecseri seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 4-0 (Borst and Lynn-Sherow abstained).

4. Update on Historic Preservation Fund grant applications.

Moeller informed the Board that Johnston prepared two preliminary applications that the City submitted to the SHPO for review, one for 19th Century Vernacular Stone Houses and another for Late 19th & Early 20th Century Residential Resources. Moeller informed the Board that the SHPO has suggested the City indicate which application is a greater priority in the event that only one application will be approved. The final application deadline is November 15th.

The Board discussed which of the two applications should be a higher priority for Manhattan. The Board concluded that the Late 19th and Early 20th Century Residential Resources are a higher priority at this time. The Board felt that these homes are more endangered since their historic significance is sometimes less obvious than those of stone houses. The Board expressed hope that the City could pursue a Multiple Property nomination for stone houses in the near future if the application is not granted at this time.

5. Update on properties nominated to the Historic Register:

- **Community House – 120 N. 4th Street**
- **Samuel Houston House – 3624 Anderson Avenue**

By consensus, the Board decided that the Chair should write a letter to the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review expressing the Board's support for the nomination of the Community House building.

6. Discuss development of strategic plan for upcoming projects.

By consensus, the Board decided to defer the discussion of the strategic plan until the November meeting.

7. Other Matters:

8. Upcoming Meetings:

November 28, 2005

December 19, 2005

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cam Moeller, AICP, Planner II

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