

**Minutes**  
**HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD**  
**City Commission Room, City Hall**  
**1101 Poyntz Avenue**  
**Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**4:00 P.M.**

**Members Present:** Dea Brokesh, Chair; Angie Danner, Vice Chair; Betty Mattingly-Ebert, Suzanne Orr; Cameron Tross.

**Members Absent:** Tyler Holloman.

**Others Present:** Linda Glasgow; Kathy Dzewaltowski; Mel Borst.

**Staff Present:** Benjamin Chmiel, Planner; Lance Evans, Senior Planner; Wyatt Thompson, Park Planner.

Meeting began at: 4:01 pm.

1. Consider the minutes from March 23, 2015 meeting

Tross moved to approve the minutes. Danner seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Consider the minutes from April 27, 2015 meeting

Danner moved to approve the minutes, Tross seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

3. City Park Master Plan Update

Thompson presented the progress of the City Park Master Plan Update. He posed two conceptual plans (A and B) to the Board and asked for input in regards to the historic elements maintained in the plans.

Mattingly-Ebert asked how many parking spaces were in the park. Thompson noted there were about 235 paved spaces and 300 gravel spaces in the park. Tross asked if there would be any cutting into the park by creating or maintaining perimeter spaces.

Thompson confirmed there would be no cutting into the park, but rather green space could potentially be added with the inclusion of bulb-outs to enhance perimeter parking and pedestrian crossings. Tross noted downtown bulb-outs demonstrated problems with vehicles having to pull through the crosswalks to see around corners. Thompson explained the inclusion of parallel or angled parking spaces on Poyntz, south of the park, also would not cut into the park, but would cut into the roadway. Mattingly-Ebert expressed concern for lack of parking in the park, forcing cars into the surrounding neighborhoods.

Brokesh asked about the namesake of Miller Field. Thompson explained he was a baseball coach in the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century who had a significant influence on the parks and recreation department. Thompson explained how option A moves Baker Field, whereas option B removes Miller Field. As well, the Parks and Recreation Department is currently assessing the need for ball fields in City Park into the future. Brokesh asked if the additional heat of the Round House (Floral Hall), if repurposed as a conservatory, would affect the structure. Thompson explained more detailed plans would be developed after the adoption of the plan if necessary. Brokesh showed favor to the repurposing of Floral Hall. Tross asked how many trees would be preserved with both concepts. Thompson explained a model was being developed to evaluate the number and condition of trees in the park and how they would be affected by potentially adopted plans.

Brokesh pointed out that concept B had ADA parking closer to the rose garden. She also showed favor to the elements and enhancement associated with Pioneer Log Cabin in concept B.

Borst inquired about the cannons by the cabin, if there were any plans to substitute the cannons. Tross stated signage was in place explaining the absence of the cannons, though he felt an artistic representation in place of the cannons would be more appropriate. Thompson concurred.

Borst also noted the reinstallation of the rose garden fountain and asked the Board if they would be supportive of a dedication of the fountain in honor of those who helped preserve the fountain in the past. Thompson noted it could be something in conjunction with another park event. The Board expressed support for a dedication.

Tross asked why the Wareham Fountain was converted into a planter in 1992. Thompson explained it was a maintenance challenge, though Mr. Wareham found the conversion acceptable.

Thompson explained he would be taking comments on the concepts through June 5<sup>th</sup> and would have a final plan ready for adoption by the end of July. Mattingly-Ebert thanked Thompson for so well minding the historic aspects of the park in the master plan concepts.

#### 4. City Owned Structures

Chmiel gave a brief background on the memo included in the packet, explaining it was to update the City Commission on the Boards progress of assessing city-owned structures as well as to recommend some preliminary plans for their preservation.

The Board discussed various additions and amendments to the memo. As well, the Board identified additional criteria that could qualify select city-owned structures for the local/state/national register, including the following:

- Union Pacific Railroad Depot for Local Criteria 1, 2, & 4.
- The Community House for Local Criteria 1 & 4.
- The Bluemont Youth Cabin with Local Criteria 1, 2, & 4.
- Pioneer Log Cabin with State/National Criteria A, C1, & D; and Local Criteria 1 & 4.
- Peace Memorial Auditorium not eligible for State/National Criteria; but with Local Criteria 1 & 4.
- Floral Hall with Local Criteria 1 & 2.
- Manhattan Regional Airport Hangar with Local Criteria 1, 2, & 4.

Danner moved to submit the memo to the City Commission as amended. Mattingly-Ebert seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

#### 5. Minor Review Applications Update

Chmiel presented the administrative approvals of minor review applications for:

- 322 Huston (Barber Building), a wall sign permit;
- 313 Poyntz (Duckwall's Building) Awning Sign Permit;
- and 409 Poyntz (Ballard Building) Interior Alterations.

The Board discussed issues with the review criteria for signage and the lack of control over sign design. Staff explained it would require design guideline ordinance to review and control for sign aspects beyond the Secretary of the Interior Standards of not damaging or destroying historic structures or elements.

#### 6. Updates and Announcements

Chmiel gave notice to the board of a SHPO Grant Workshop being held on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 at the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum from 12 – 4 p.m.

Evans also notified the Board of the first reading for the Jesse Ingraham House Nomination to the Manhattan Register of Historic Places, taking place on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room.

#### 7. Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, June 22, 2015.
- Monday, July 27, 2015.

#### 8. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.