

Minutes
HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD
City Commission Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Avenue
Monday, June 22nd, 2015
4:00 P.M.

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

Members Absent: Angie Danner, Vice Chair; Craig Hager; Tyler Holloman.

Others Present: Linda Glasgow.

Staff Present: Benjamin Chmiel, Planner; Lance Evans, Senior Planner.

Meeting began at: 4:05 pm.

1. Consider the minutes from May 18, 2015 meeting

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

2. City Owned Structures

Chmiel gave a brief background of the process to date for assessing city-owned structures over 50 years old and explained the Board's options moving forward.

Brokesh discussed the Douglass Center's potential historic significance. Tross explained the present function of the building as a model community center. The Board discussed its potential historic association with African-American cultural history in the community as well as its functional integrity as a community center. Brokesh noted the African American Cultural Survey conducted in the recent past might hold more information about the structure. Staff agreed to look into the survey for more information.

The Board discussed the historic potential of the Long-Park Pavilion. The Board established the historic significance of the park as a whole. However, the Board was unsure if any significance was associated with the pavilion itself. Staff agreed to look for a previous report from Wyatt Thompson explaining the history of the park.

The Board discussed the various structures associated with the zoo. Brokesh established some of them are associated with the WPA. She also mentioned the historic function of the zoo as more of a city park. Tross emphasized the importance of considering the functionality of the zoo structures in that potentially historic structures may not meet the future needs of the zoo. Orr concurred. Tross suggested consulting zoo staff to establish

their needs and future plans for the existing structures. Staff agreed to contact the zoo staff to get more information about the long-term plans for the zoo structures.

The Board discussed the Sewer Maintenance Building F. Brokesh noted the uniqueness of the brick built sign on the façade of the building. Tross questioned the availability of more information. Glasgow noted Ben Eckart might have more information about the building, having extensive knowledge of the Long Oil Company history. Brokesh stated she was willing to contact Eckart for more information.

The Board determined the following city-owned structures required no action on behalf of the Board: the Brick Building Old FSS, the Old Armory Building, the Old Armory Building Shop, Traffic Shop Garage A, the Sunrise Cemetery Sexton's House and Cemetery Office/Garage, the Douglass Park Garage, the Traffic Shop Electrician's Building G, the Airport GATTS Terminal, the Zoo Storage Shed, the El Paso Lane Parks Maintenance Building, and the Airport Electrical Vault.

The Board requested more site information (photos) for Traffic Shop H.

3. Minor Review Applications Update

Chmiel presented the minor administrative approvals for a sign permit at 315 Poyntz and three individual sign permits at 320 Poyntz.

4. Updates and Announcements

Evans updated the Board on the progress of the Community House Feasibility Study, though no review from the Board would be necessary until a proposal was devised.

Chmiel notified the Board that 720 Poyntz Ave (the Francis Bryon (Barney) Kimble House) was nominated to the State/National Register. Brokesh suggested the property owner be contacted and encouraged to submit a nomination for the property to be listed on the local register. Staff agreed to make contact.

Evans notified the Board that the Bluemont Youth Cabin solicitation for reuses received no responses. Brokesh mentioned a citizen's suggestion of more of a real-estate approach to solicitations might be more successful. Evans noted a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting on July 6th to discuss the solicitation.

5. Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, July 27, 2015.
- Monday, August 24, 2015.

6. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:30.