

**Minutes**  
**HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD**  
City Commission Room, City Hall  
1101 Poyntz Avenue  
Monday, September 24, 2018  
4:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Betty Mattingly-Ebert, Chair; Cameron Tross; Ann Kosch; Kevin West; Eileen Meyer; and Jana Fallin.

**Members Absent:** Craig Hager, Vice-Chair.

**Staff Present:** Ben Chmiel, Planner; John Adam, Sr. Planner; and Casey Smithson, Parks Superintendent.

**Others Present:** Linda Glasgow.

1. Meeting Opening

Mattingly-Ebert called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm with a quorum. Kosch motioned to approve the August 27, 2018 meeting minutes as written. Tross seconded. Motion passed 4-0-2 (West & Meyer abstention).

2. Major Review

Chmiel presented a proposal for floor and structural stabilization of the Union Pacific Depot, located at 120 Ft. Riley Boulevard. He gave an overview of the building's history and described the details of the project. The project would stabilize the floor and tower structure to prevent additional deterioration of the building by bolstering the floor supports with steel beams. An opening in the stone foundation on the east would be made near an existing foundation vent to insert the needed steel members into the crawlspace. The opening would be returned to existing condition after the project. An additional floor access point, about 3'x3' would be made near the vestibule within the main room. The tower supports would be converted from the current wood 2X material to metal screw type foundation support jacks which would sit upon existing concrete footings. Chmiel stated administration's recommendation to approve of the project.

Kosch asked about the C-beam that would be installed in the project, if it were replacing the wood beam. Smithson clarified that the C-beam would not replace the original wood beam, but would be coupled with it. Kosch asked if any termite treatment had been executed. Smithson said treatment had been previously done on this building and that it was inspected annually. Kosch asked about routine inspection of other city buildings. Smithson said they had not all been done, but some have plans. Kosch

asked about previous assessments of the structural integrity of the depot and what triggered the inspection. Smithson said the floor began sagging several years ago and at the time there was no funding to fix it. In 2015 an HTF grant was applied for to no success, so it was included in the ensuing years' budget. Kosch talked about the possibilities of archeological finds under the depot. Chmiel explained that discovered remains and archeological evidence would have to be reported according to state law.

Tross asked where the sagging was and why the sag was not expected to be eliminated. Smithson explained it was generally in front of the vestibule entrance and that the worry of eliminating the sag was overcorrecting, but at a minimum the *bounce* in the floor would be eliminated by replacing shims to support the floor.

West moved that the Board found the proposal met the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation as reviewed in accordance with K.S.A. 75-2724 and would not damage, destroy, or diminish any historically significant property or historic character-defining features. Kosch seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

3. Updates and Announcements.

Betty mentioned the Historic Summit that would be held October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Library.

4. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.