

Minutes
Historic Resources Board
Conduff Conference Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Avenue
May 22, 2006
4:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Ray Weisenburger; Jean Hill.

Others Present: Jim Sherow; Gwyn Riffel; Lisa Rockley.

Staff Present: Cam Moeller, Planner.

1. Consider the minutes of the April 24, 2006 Historic Resources Board Meeting.

Roberts moved to approve the minutes. Mecseri seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 5-0.

2. Discuss nomination of Downtown Manhattan as National Register Historic District.

Jim Sherow informed the Board that Downtown Manhattan Inc. is requesting that the City partner in the funding of a project to hire a consultant to nominate the Downtown as a National Register Historic District. Sherow and Gwyn Riffel described some of the benefits that would result from National Register classification, including access to tax credits and grants for property owners within the district and potential economic benefits to the City as a whole with increased tourism.

Sherow responded to questions from the Board regarding the implications of the National Register classification on the environs review process.

Roberts moved that the Board support the request. The Board views the proposal as a long-term community investment that will help ensure the future economic vitality of Downtown Manhattan through the preservation and promotion of its historic significance. The creation of a Downtown National Register Historic District is consistent with the recommendations of the *Cultural Resource Survey* of Wards 1 and 2.

Mecseri seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 5-0.

3. Continue discussion of strategic plan for upcoming projects.

The Board discussed having a work session in July to further develop the strategic plan

4. Other Matters

Lynn-Sherow suggested that a Work Session be scheduled with the City Commission in August or September to discuss a few issues: appeals to the City Commission of Environs Review determinations, such as that made by Delta Upsilon Fraternity to demolish the house at 2300

Clafin; the role of the Historic Resources Board; and the possible creation of a Preservation Planner position.

5. Election of Officers

The Board re-elected Larry Brockson as chair and Tom Roberts as vice-chair.

6. Upcoming Meetings

- June 26, 2006
- July 24, 2006

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cam Moeller, AICP, Planner II

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