

**Minutes**  
**Historic Resources Board**  
**Conduff Conference Room, City Hall**  
**1101 Poyntz Avenue**  
**July 24, 2006**  
**4:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Larry Brockson, Chair; Tom Roberts; Elaine Mohr; Mike Mecseri; Jean Hill; Bonnie Lynn-Sherow.

**Members Absent:** Ray Weisenburger.

**Others Present:** Jeff Alger.

**Staff Present:** Cam Moeller, Planner.

**1. ENVIRONS REVIEW**

**725 Houston Street, Building Permit for New Garage (within environs of Seven Dolors Catholic Church)**

Alger discussed the proposed new garage with the Board.

Roberts moved that the Board find that the proposal meets the Standards and Guidelines for Evaluating the Effect of Projects on Environs and will not encroach upon, damage or destroy the listed historic property or its environs.

Mecseri seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 5-0 (Lynn-Sherow had not yet arrived).

**2. Consider the minutes of the May 22, 2006 Historic Resources Board Meetings.**

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

**3. ENVIRONS REVIEW AND ADVISORY REVIEW WITHIN DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT**

**431 Poyntz Avenue, Sign Permit (within environs of Riley County Courthouse, Manhattan Carnegie Library, Lyda-Jean Apartments, and Manhattan State Bank)**

After Board discussion, Roberts moved that the Board find that the proposal meets the Standards and Guidelines for Evaluating the Effect of Projects on Environs and will not encroach upon, damage or destroy the listed historic property or its environs. The Board expressed their concern that the sign was put in place before a permit had been issued.

Mecseri seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 5-0 (Lynn-Sherow had not yet arrived).

**4. ENVIRONS REVIEW**

**5<sup>th</sup> & Leavenworth Street, New Residential Structure (within environs of Riley County Courthouse and Manhattan Carnegie Library).**

After Board discussion, Roberts moved that the Board find that the proposal does not meet the Standards and Guidelines for Evaluating the Effect of Projects on Environs and will encroach upon, damage or destroy the environs of the Riley County Courthouse, the Manhattan Carnegie Library, and potentially the Damon Runyon House. The Board found that the proposed residential structure alters the spatial relationships that characterize the environs of the historic properties. The Board found that the proposed structure is not compatible with the scale, proportion, and massing of the residential streetscape on the 400 block of Leavenworth Street, which has acquired historic significance in its own right.

Hill seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 6-0.

The Board suggested that the applicant modify the proposal so that the building is set back from the front property line to be generally consistent with the typical front setback of adjacent residential structures on the 400 block of Leavenworth Street, which maintain a front yard of green space. The Board suggested that the building be set back from the side property lines to be more consistent with the spatial relationships of adjacent residential properties. The Board suggested that the front porch be designed to be more in character with porches on adjacent residential structures, and that the steps should lead perpendicular from the front sidewalk to the porch, as is typical of the adjacent residential structures.

**5. City Commission Work Session with Historic Resources Board scheduled for September 12th**

The Board discussed topics it would like to discuss at the Work Session.

**6. July 10<sup>th</sup> Work Session – Discussion of Strategic Plan**

A summary of the July 10<sup>th</sup> Work Session, which was prepared by Larry Brockson, was distributed to the Board members.

**7. Upcoming Meetings**

- August 21, 2006 (Work Session)
- August 28, 2006
- September 12, 2006 (Work Session with City Commission)
- September 25, 2006

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cam Moeller, AICP, Planner II

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