

**Minutes**  
**HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD**  
City Commission Room, City Hall  
1101 Poyntz Avenue  
Monday, April 22, 2019  
4:00 p.m.

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

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

**Staff Present:** Ben Chmiel, Planner; and John Adam, Sr. Planner.

**Others Present:** Cheryl Collins; Linda Glasgow; and Kathy Dzewaltowski.

1. Meeting Opening

Mattingly-Ebert called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm with a quorum.

During open public comment, Collins explained how the Board should take a stronger roll historic preservation in the community. She said meetings with few agenda items present opportunities for broader discussions of historic preservation. She presented a list of topics for the Boards consideration. Glasgow concurred with Collins, explaining she had the support of the Preservation Alliance.

Dzewaltowski mentioned the preservation awards presentation that would be held by the Preservation Alliance Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Union Pacific Depot.

West moved to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2019 meeting. Tross seconded. Motion passed 4-0-2.

2. Nomination Recommendation.

Chmiel Presented the Historic Register Nomination for the St. Mary's Hospital / Manhattan YMCA building at 1100 Fremont Street. He explained the history of the building, noting it was being nominated under Criteria C for architectural significance as an excellent example of both the twentieth century revival style and the mid-century modern style in Manhattan, Kansas. Chmiel explained that the SHPO requested the Board's recommendation on the nomination as a CLG.

The Board believed the property should be considered eligible under Criteria A in addition to Criteria C for its association with the history of YMCA, a significant international organization. It was also noted that though the mid-century addition is

mentioned throughout the nomination form and noted for its significance, it was not listed as an architectural classification under section seven of the form. The Board pointed out the inconsistency in the official historic name of the property used throughout the document. The Board also believed there could be a more accurate category to describe the building's current function as a fraternity house other than "Social/Meeting Hall" that might be more indicative of its function as a residence.

Chmiel explained he would provide a letter to the SHPO detailing the Board's comments and recommendation on the nomination.

Fallin moved that the Board supported the nomination of the St. Mary's Hospital / Manhattan YMCA building at 1100 Fremont Street to the State and National Register of Historic Places. Meyer seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

### 3. Updates & Announcements

Chmiel explained that he was looking to work with the office of Fraternity and Sorority Life to launch a coordinated effort between chapters to survey more greek houses in Manhattan. The goal would be to provide the chapters with the resources to nominate and list their individual houses to preserve them and make them eligible for tax credits and grants for improvements.

### 4. Adjournment

Mattingly-Ebert adjourned the meeting at 4:35 pm.