

**Minutes  
Historic Resources Board  
Conduff Conference Room, City Hall  
1101 Poyntz Avenue  
October 23, 2006  
4:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Larry Brockson, Chair; Elaine Mohr; Ray Weisenburger; Tom Roberts; Jean Hill.

**Members Absent:** Bonnie Lynn-Sherow; Mike Mecseri.

**Others Present:** Kerry Davis; Chris Elsey; Lauren Ritterbush.

**Staff Present:** Cam Moeller, Planner; Sarah Downing, Planning Intern.

**1. Consider the minutes of the September 25, 2006 Historic Resources Board meeting.**

Weisenburger moved that the Board approve the minutes. Mohr seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 4-0. (Roberts had not yet arrived)

**2. Update on MPS Historic Survey Project from Kerry Davis of Sally Schwenk Associates.**

Davis updated the Board on the progress of the Survey Project and answered questions. Davis commented on the wide variety of property types and styles she has found on every block during her initial survey work, which she said was unique compared to most other communities.

Davis said she has identified over 40 stone houses with the help of Pat O'Brien. Hill offered her assistance in confirming whether they have identified all the stone houses in town.

**3. ENVIRONS REVIEW**

**University Terrace Apartments, 1510-1534 College Avenue (within environs of Washington and Julia Marlatt Homestead)**

Chris Elsey, the applicant, described for the Board the improvements they are making to the University Terrace Apartment complex. As part of the improvements, Elsey said they are proposing a new building which will be built in a style similar to the existing buildings within the complex. The lower half of the three-story building will have a brick veneer and the upper half will be cream-colored vinyl siding.

The Board noted that the proposed new building will extend further to the north, and thus closer to the Marlatt Homestead, than any existing building. The Board was of the opinion that the new building was altering the spatial relationship of the environs of the Marlatt Homestead. The Board suggested that the north edge of the building be treated, or "softened", in such a way that it be made more compatible with the historic property. The Board said one option may be for the building to incorporate stone to somehow relate to the stone buildings of the Marlatt Homestead. The Board asked if there were ways to shield or screen the electrical boxes.

It was agreed that the applicant would come back with revised building plans for the Board to review at a Special Meeting.

**4. Discussion of archaeological sites in Manhattan with Lauren Ritterbush, Associate Professor at Kansas State University.**

Ritterbush provided the Board with a list of “Destroyed Archaeological Sites in Manhattan, Kansas”. The document describes the location and archaeological significance of 13 sites in Manhattan that have been “destroyed”, mostly due to construction and development.

Ritterbush said that since these sites have already been destroyed, it is an opportunity for educational plaques or markers to be placed at these locations. Ritterbush said each site would have to be carefully researched by a professional. Ritterbush said there may be funding available for these types of projects through Historic Preservation Funds from the Kansas State Historical Society. Ritterbush also mentioned the possibility of creating a City Archaeologist position.

**5. Other Matters**

**6. Upcoming Meetings**

- November 27, 2006
- December 18, 2006

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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