

Minutes
HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD
City Commission Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Avenue
Tuesday, August 23, 2021
4:00 p.m.

| Member | Present | Absent |
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| Kevin West, Chair | X | |
| Phil Anderson | X | |
| Jana Fallin | X | |
| Tom Hanson | X | |
| Troy Henningson | X | |
| Tanner James | X | |
| Bethany Pingel | X | |

Staff Present: Ben Chmiel, Planner.

Public Present: Colene Lind, Public.

1. MEETING OPENING

Hanson moved to appoint Fallin to temporary chair in the absence of West, who arrived later in the meeting. Anderson seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Fallin called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. Staff performed roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Fallin opened the floor for public comment. Colene Lind, 2048 Hunting Ave., stated that there are plans to have a public walking tour of the new Lee Elementary Historic District. This would tentatively take place during the afternoon of September 25.

Henningson moved to approve the minutes from the June 28, 2021 meeting. James seconded. Motion carried 4-0-2, Anderson and Pingel abstaining.

Henningson moved to approve the minutes from the July 6, 2021 special meeting. Anderson seconded. Motion carried 4-0-2, James and Pingel abstaining.

2. REVIEW UPDATES TO THE MDC RELATED TO THE LOCAL REGISTER

Chmiel presented amendments to the Local Register as they would be incorporated into the Manhattan Development Code. Among these changes are a more explicit process for amending or rescinding a property/district, changes to the findings that the board would need to make to approve a district, new criteria for determining boundaries of historic districts, more explicit characterization of the nomination process as quasi-judicial, and the creation of an appeals process for the HRB.

Henningson asked for clarification about whether the 50 percent rule for the number of contributing properties to constitute a historical district applied by the number of properties or the area of the

properties. Chmiel said it was up to the board to determine which measure they would prefer, but at the state and national level it is by the number of properties. Henningson believed the number of properties made more sense as the structures on the properties matter more from a historical standpoint than the amount of land the property is on. There was a general consensus on this view.

Anderson asked if there was a requirement for justification of an appeal to the HRB. Chmiel stated it is not currently a requirement; an appeal can be made if the applicant disagrees with the decision. Chmiel said language could be added requiring the applicant to demonstrate that there is not a reasonable alternative.

West spoke in favor of the new appeals process.

Colene Lind, 2048 Hunting Ave., stated she did not feel there would be need to delist a property or district unless it was destroyed in a natural event. She further stated that she agreed with needing property area majority consent for creating a local district but would like if the number of contributing properties requirement was increased. Finally, she stated that she would like to see more criteria for approving an appeal at the City Commission level.

3. ELECTIONS

Hanson nominated Fallin for Chair of the Historic Resources Board. Pingel seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Fallin nominated James for Vice Chair of the Historic Resources Board. Hanson seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

4. MINOR REVIEWS

Chmiel presented a minor review for 212 S. 12th Street (Union Bus Depot) for signs on the façade. The board had no comments.

5. UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chmiel mentioned the Lee Elementary Neighborhood Historic District was approved by the City Commission.

Chmiel also noted there were three nominations for the state and national historic registers that were approved by the State. These included the First Christian Church building, the F.B. Forester House, and the Dawson's Conoco Service Station. He said the nominations were forwarded to the National Parks Service and should be reviewed in the next three to six months.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board would review the amendments to the Local Registers again at the next meeting.

Fallin suggested discussing methods for improving the farmers market in coming meeting.

Anderson asked for discussion about the design of bus shelters at coming meetings.

The Board agreed to move the creation of Board priorities to the next meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Fallin adjourned the meeting at 4:53 pm. The next regular meeting would be held September 27, 2021 in City Hall.