

Minutes
HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD MEETING
City Commission Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Avenue
Monday, July 25, 2022
4:00 p.m.

Member	Present	Absent
Mick Charney	x	
Phil Anderson	x	
Jana Fallin, Chair	x	
Tanner James, Vice Chair	x	
Bryant Macfarlane		x

Staff Present: Ben Chmiel, Planner III; Alex Corrado, Planning Intern

Public Present: Linda Glasgow; Kathy Dzewaltowski; Debbie Nuss; Colene Lind; Diana Caldwell

1. MEETING OPENING

Fallin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Staff performed roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Public comments were opened to be made on any subject not related to the current agenda. With no comments, it was closed.

There were no board member comments.

While the board was going to vote on the approval of the April 25, 2022 meeting minutes, not enough of the board from that meeting remains to vote on its approval.

Anderson moved to approve the Minutes of the June 27, 2022 meeting. James seconded. A roll-call vote was used by staff and the motion passed, 4-0.

2. GENERAL

2.1. [Yuma Street Historic District Recommendation.](#)

Chmiel gave the staff presentation on the nomination of the Yuma Street Historic District to the State and National Register of Historic Places. He explained the timeline of the project from the grant received to study the African American community in 2010 up to now, as well as the importance of the project. Staff recommended the HRB find the proposed Yuma Street Historic District to be eligible for listing on the State and National Register of Historic and recommend the City Commission as a property owner provide consent to being included in the district.

Charney said that he thought the proposal was well-done. He asked about the address of Douglass Park and the Douglass Community Center being the same, which Chmiel confirmed

was a typo in the document. Chmiel explained that an email communication would work for any typos or mistakes in the draft nomination he wanted addressed.

Charney stated that reading the draft nomination and the included history was eye-opening to the historical importance of the included district. He asked about the other criterion related to significant persons present in the nomination. Chmiel explained that they had seen multiple famous and significant figures come through the area. Corrado explained that while significant people have visited the district in the past, a visit was not enough to satisfy the criterion for significant persons. Charney and Fallin mentioned the list of famous peoples who visited this district being surprisingly long. Fallin stated that maybe this criterion would be worth exploring, as the people that visited were of a very high fame and caliber.

Charney asked about the stained-glass windows that were in Shepherd Chapel. Chmiel explained that staff is certain the one in the front façade facing towards Yuma St., the main window, is still intact, but the fate of the other windows is unknown. Charney stated that the nomination mentioned the other windows had been removed or destroyed and is curious about the fate of the windows if they were removed. Chmiel explained that Kaw Blue Lodge, the current property owners of Shepard Chapel, might have a clue on what happened to the windows.

Fallin explained how the members of Shepard Chapel merged with the First Methodist Church, and how valued they were by the First Methodist Church.

Fallin opened the public hearing.

Linda Glasgow, President of the Manhattan/Riley County Preservation Alliance, came to the podium. Her and the M/RCPA enthusiastically support the nomination and establishment of the Yuma Street Historic District. She mentioned that there is a gentleman who is planning on commissioning a book about this area. She stated her appreciation for the board considering this project, and that Historic Preservation and Economic Development can both work together to support each other.

Kathy Dzewaltowski came to the podium. She stated her support for the project and mentioned that the 2010 African American Resources Survey has established the precedent for this district to be historically nominated, and that the nomination is continuing an action plan that the board adopted in 2011.

Debbie Nuss, current Vice-Chair and past Chair of the Douglass Center Advisory Board came to the podium. She wanted to re-iterate how the DCAB had been unanimously in support for the creation of the Yuma Street Historic District, and that they had actually been a little impatient that it had taken so long for it to get to this point. She also stated that their support is in part because they didn't want the historic nature of the district to be overshadowed. She mentioned that they hope the board is supportive of this project.

Colene Lind came to the podium. She stated her strong support for the creation of the district and going ahead with the application. She mentioned that reading the staff report struck her with two key things; first, that all private landowners in the district consented to the creation of the district, which should be enough to tell the city that this is something that should be

supported, especially when those owners are agreeing to extra restrictions and considerations. Secondly, she mentioned how historical placemaking is an incredibly important part of any community, and helps that community recognize and take pride in it. She stated its not just what makes a place special; but also appeals to the sense of why anyone would want to be a part of a community.

Diana Caldwell came to the podium. She stated that when her and her husband opened a daycare here in Manhattan, they wanted to choose an area of prominence; and they picked an area close-by the 900 Yuma Block for a variety of factors, including meeting the needs of the mostly African American people that lived there. She wants the people of the area, especially the children, to know that this part of the city is important, and that it has well-established history. She stated her support for the project.

Fallin closed the public hearing.

Anderson moved to approve the creation of the Yuma Street Historic District, giving staff approval to submit the nomination, and make the recommendation to the City Commission to give consent to being a part of the historic district. Charney seconded the motion.

Fallin mentioned that she wished the room had been full with people supporting this project. She also stated that part of the HRB's goal is to help people in getting these ideas and projects moving forward.

Staff called the vote. The motion carried, 4 – 0. The recommendation would go to the City Commission on Tuesday, August 2, at 6:00pm.

3. MINOR REVIEW UPDATES

3.1. 327 Poyntz (Rooted) Sign Permit

Chmiel presented the minor review for the sign permit at 327 Poyntz. The sign existed previously, but the permit was for it to be moved with a new bracket. The building itself is non-contributing in the historic district.

4. UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1. Staff Updates/Announcements

Chmiel mentioned that, normally, elections would be held at the August meeting of the HRB. Chmiel explained that the board can decide if they'd like to have elections or not, as currently the board still has 2 unfulfilled positions.

Fallin asked if there were more members coming forward, to which Chmiel stated that there weren't, and that they are waiting on appointments from the mayor.

Fallin stated that she thinks they should wait until the board is full, and that she will contact the mayor to inquire about where they are in the process of appointments.

Anderson stated that they can go ahead and put it on the agenda for August, and if appropriate they can always table the motion to a future agenda.

4.2. Board Updates/Announcements

There were no board updates or announcements.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

5.1. Opportunity for discussion of including future agenda items.

There were no comments or discussion on future agenda items, outside of staff updates/announcements.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Fallin adjourned the meeting at 4:45PM. Next Meeting: Monday, August 22, 2022.