

Minutes
Historic Resources Board
Conduff Conference Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Avenue
February 26, 2007
4:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Jean Hill; Ray Weisenburger.

Others Present: Lauren Ritterbush.

Staff Present: Cam Moeller, Planner.

1. Consider the minutes of the January 22, 2007 and the January 29, 2006 Historic Resources Board meetings.

Mohr moved that the Board approve the minutes of the January 22, 2007 meeting, with modifications. Roberts seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 4-0 (Lynn-Sherow had not yet arrived).

Roberts moved that the Board approve the minutes of the January 29, 2007 meeting. Mohr seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 4-0.

2. Announcements and Updates

- **Historic Summit held on February 8, 2007**
- **Administrative Review: 17th & Anderson Avenue, Sign Permit for Houlihan's Restaurant (within environs of KSAC Radio Towers)**

Roberts moved that the Board send a letter to the sign contractor responsible for putting up the sign for Houlihan's Restaurant without a permit. The intent of the letter is to remind the contractor that they should always check with the City to find out whether a permit is required, emphasizing that the process is particularly important if the sign is potentially subject to historic environs review.

Mohr seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 4-0.

3. Discuss projects to request for inclusion in the 2008-2013 Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

After discussion, Roberts moved that the Board request two projects for inclusion in the 2008 CIP:

- (1) A study project to select one city block with numerous historic brick sidewalks and renovate the brick sidewalks on this city block (\$5000).
- (2) An archaeological field survey to identify potentially significant historic and prehistoric sites within identified future development areas (\$15,000).

The Board will also forward its initial *Capital Improvement Budget: Projects/Programs to be Considered* which details Historic Resources Board work items that may lead to capital budget requests in the future.

Mohr seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 5-0.

The Board also discussed requesting funding for a preservation planner position. The Board was informed that staff positions are not funded through the CIP but that type of request can be considered through other stages of the budgeting process.

4. Resume discussion of MPS Historic Survey Project: Prioritize areas to pursue for future nomination as Historic Districts.

After discussion, the Board identified three areas of highest priority to pursue as historic districts. Ward One was the highest priority neighborhood, followed by a neighborhood that straddles Wards Four and Two, and the neighborhood west of City Park which includes Ward Seven.

The Board had questions about how some of the proposed boundaries were drawn and also about the integrity ratings of individual structures. The Board decided to field check several blocks.

5. Project Updates:

- **Speakers Bureau**
- **Historic Markers**

The Board decided to delay discussing Project Updates until the next meeting.

6. Future Items

The Board discussed the development of design guidelines for the Downtown Historic District, which would involve interaction with Downtown Manhattan Inc. (DMI). The Board discussed the possibility of applying for a Historic Preservation Fund grant to develop the design guidelines.

7. Upcoming Meetings:

- March 26, 2007
- April 23, 2007

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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