

Minutes
Historic Resources Board
Conduff Conference Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Avenue
May 24, 2007
4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Tom Roberts, Vice Chair; Mike Mecseri; Ray Weisenburger; Bonnie Lynn-Sherow.

Members Absent: Elaine Mohr; Jean Hill.

Others Present: Steve Lee.

Staff Present: Cam Moeller, Planner.

1. ENVIRONS REVIEW

Sign Permit, The Trust Company, 800 Poyntz Avenue (within environs of Robert Ulrich House and Woman's Club House)

Steve Lee described the proposed monument sign and entrance sign. Lee said the five letters "TRUST" would be canned lights and would produce a halo effect in the evening. Lee described how the architect of the building, Floyd Wolfenburger, used multiples of 5 in its design. Lee said they would attempt to find stone for the monument sign that would match the stone of the building.

Mecseri moved that the Board find that the proposal meets the Standards and Guidelines for Evaluating the Effect of Projects on Environs and will not encroach upon, damage or destroy any listed historic property or its environs.

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

2. Announcements and Updates

- **Update on Core Downtown Revitalization Committee (CDRC)**
- **Downtown Design Guidelines**
- **Historic Sites Booklet**

Weisenburger updated the Board about the discussions of the CDRC and future actions that may result from the committee's work.

The Board discussed whether the City could apply for Historic Preservation Fund grants this year to pay for developing Downtown Design Guidelines. The Board discussed whether another source other than the City could provide the match because the 2007 CIP does not have money set aside for that purpose.

Moeller showed the Board a draft Historic Sites Booklet that had been put together by planning intern, Sarah Downing. The Booklet is designed to give an overview of the listed historic properties in Manhattan. The Board discussed how the booklet could be distributed. There was a suggestion that the Manhattan Convention and Visitors Bureau could give the booklet a more commercial look.

Lynn-Sherow showed the Board a pamphlet from the Manhattan/Riley County Preservation Alliance that identifies the most endangered historic sites in Manhattan.

Moeller updated the Board about the historic review process that will take place related to the roundabout design at the 4th & Bluemont intersection. The Board discussed having Mecseri represent the Board should a committee be formed as part of the historic review process.

3. Future Items

No items were discussed.

4. Consider the minutes of the April 23, 2007 Historic Resources Board meeting.

Lynn-Sherow moved that the Board approve the minutes, with modifications. Weisenburger seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 4-0.

5. Election of Historic Resources Board Officers

Lynn-Sherow nominated Tom Roberts as Chair and Mike Mecseri as Vice-Chair.

Weisenburger moved that the Board approve the nominations. Lynn-Sherow seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 4-0.

6. Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, June 25, 2007
- Monday, July 23, 2007

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cam Moeller, AICP, Planner II

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