

**Minutes
Historic Resources Board
Conduff Conference Room, City Hall
1101 Poyntz Avenue
June 18, 2007
4:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Tom Roberts, Chair; Elaine Mohr; Mike Mecseri; Jean Hill; Ray Weisenburger; Bonnie Lynn-Sherow.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: George Weisner; Kevin Weisner; Danny Stockwell; Donna Schenk-Hamlin.

Staff Present: Cam Moeller, Planner.

1. Consider the minutes of the May 24, 2007 Historic Resources Board meetings.

Weisenburger moved that the Board approve the minutes, with modifications. Mecseri seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 5-0 (Lynn-Sherow had not yet arrived).

2. ENVIRONS REVIEW

Structural Repair, Weisner's Sew Unique, 314 Poyntz Avenue (Contributing Structure within Downtown Historic District)

Danny Stockwell described how the rear wall is failing and with recent water damage, the situation has become more urgent. Stockwell said the project will involve putting in new concrete footings with a new split-faced block wall on the rear of the building that will extend around to the side as far back as the adjacent building. The door opening on the rear façade will remain but there will no longer be any window openings.

The Board expressed reservations that the project will not recognize the historic window pattern on the rear façade while also noting that the most visible façade, facing Poyntz Avenue, would not be disturbed.

Hill 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.

Mohr seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 4-0 (Mecseri abstained; Lynn-Sherow had not yet arrived).

Hill moved that the Board find that the proposal meets *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*.

Mohr seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 4-1 (Mecseri voted against).

3. Leavenworth Street Public Stairs Repairs

Lynn-Sherow joined the meeting.

Donna Schenk-Hamlin described for the Board a CIP request by the Landmark Water Tower Neighborhood Association to repair two sets of public stairs. The first set of stairs connects the 1800 and 1900 blocks of Leavenworth Street and the second is located at the northwest corner of Leavenworth and Denison Streets.

Lynn-Sherow moved that the Board support the Neighborhood Association's CIP request because the stairs are a cultural resource of the community, are part of the City's historic infrastructure, and are the City's responsibility.

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

4. Announcements and Updates

• **4th & Bluemont Roundabout**

The Board discussed how the proposed design of the roundabout will impact three potentially historic residential properties located on that intersection. The Board discussed its role in the historic review process.

The Board decided to rewrite its CIP request to fund a study project to restore historic brick sidewalks on one city block. The Board wished to clarify that the resulting cost analysis would be used for future proposals.

5. Future Items

The Board added discussion of the 4th & Bluemont Roundabout as a future agenda item.

6. Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, June 25, 2007
- Monday, July 23, 2007
- Monday, August 27, 2007

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cam Moeller, AICP, Planner II

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