
**HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION
AGENDA MEETING--JANUARY 17, 2008--6:30 PM
ACTION SUMMARY**

Commissioners present: Veatch, Wiechert, Antle, Meyer, Williams
Staff present: Braddock Zollner, Burke, Parker

ITEM NO. 1: ACTION SUMMARY

Received Action Summary from the December 20, 2007 Historic Resources Commission meeting.

Commissioner Wiechert noted one change on page nine of the December 20, 2007 Action Summary.

Motioned by Commissioner Wiechert, seconded by Commissioner Antle, to approve the December 20th, 2007 Action Summary with the changes noted.

Motion carried unanimously, 5-0

Received Action Summary from the October 18, 2007 Historic Resources Commission meeting.

Motioned by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Wiechert, to approve the October 18, 2007 Action Summary.

Motion carried unanimously, 5-0

ITEM NO. 2: COMMUNICATIONS

- a) No communications from other Commissions, State Historic Preservation Officer, or the general public.
- b) No declaration of abstentions.

ITEM NO. 3: DR-12-154-07 925 Maine Street; Rehabilitation; Certified Local Government Review. The property is located in the environs of the Achning House, National Register of Historic Places. Submitted by Fred Schneider for Kathleen Boyd, the property owner of record.

STAFF PRESENTATION

Ms. Burke presented the item.

APPLICANT PRESENTATION

The applicant was not present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No member of public spoke on the item.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Commissioner Williams asked if the current zoning of 925 Maine Street was RM12D and if that zoning would prohibit the requested rehabilitation.

Ms. Braddock Zollner stated the zoning of 925 Maine Street was currently RM12D.

Commissioner Wiechert stated the property was currently occupied.

Commissioner Williams said with the concentration of students in the area, single family homes had declined. He asked Staff if this was important to the Historic Resource Commission in terms of the neighborhood.

Ms. Braddock Zollner said the Commission could take it into consideration as part of the impact on the listed property.

Commissioner Williams said he would report back to the Commission as to the preponderance of rental homes and their density in the area.

Commissioner Antle asked Staff to read the staff recommendation.

Commissioner Williams stated without the applicant present, the item would be deferred.

Commissioner Antle stated the item would be deferred and sent to the Architectural Review Committee.

Commissioner Meyer said the item would be deferred until it was refined to be more compatible.

Commissioner Veatch said when items had been sent to the Architectural Review Committee they were sometimes sent back to the Historic Resource Commission.

Ms. Braddock Zollner stated the action taken by the Commission was not to take action, but to postpone the action.

Commissioner Williams asked Staff if the project would go to administrative review if the conditions had been met.

Ms. Braddock Zollner stated the project would not go to administrative review even if the conditions had been met.

Commissioner Antle stated if the item was approved, recommendations would be part of the approval. He said he suggested giving the applicant the ability to go to the Architectural Review Committee to discuss issues, and then come back to the Commission for a conclusive vote.

Commissioner Veatch clarified the staff recommendation by reading from the Staff report.

Commissioner Meyer asked Staff to be more specific in the staff report.

Ms. Braddock Zollner stated she had assumed the applicant would be present at the meeting. She said Staff could not require the applicant meet with the Architectural Review Committee before presentation of the project to the Commission.

ACTION TAKEN

Motioned by Commissioner Veatch, seconded by Commissioner Williams, to defer action of the proposed rehabilitation at 925 Maine Street and refer the applicant to the Architectural Review Committee to refine the design of the project at 925 Maine Street.

Motion carried unanimously, 5-0

Ms. Braddock Zollner asked the Commission to give Staff direction for what the Architectural Review Committee would discuss regarding 925 Maine Street.

Commissioner Antle stated the Architectural Review Committee would discuss the over all scale of the addition.

ITEM NO. 4: MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

- A. Review of a demolition permit application received since the December 20, 2007 regular meeting.

DR-12-151-07 1232 Louisiana Street; Demolition; Certified Local Government Review. The property is located in the environs of the Hancock Historic District and the Oread Historic District, National Register of Historic Places. Submitted by Price T Banks for 1240 Louisiana St Associates LLC, the property owners of record.

- B. No Architectural Review Committee or Administrative Reviews since the December 20, 2007 regular meeting.

Administrative Reviews

DR-11-147-07 914 Massachusetts Street; Sign; Certified Local Government Review and Certificate of Appropriateness Review. The property is located in the environs of Lawrence's Downtown Historic District, the North Rhode Island Historic District, and Plymouth Congregational Church, National Register of Historic Places. The property is also located in the environs of the Hanna Building, Lawrence Register of Historic Places and the Downtown Conservation Overlay District. Submitted by Ryan Schurle of Schurle Signs Inc for Richard Stein and Mary Howe, the property owners of record.

DR-12-148-07 1008 Massachusetts Street; Sign; Certified Local Government Review. The property is located in the environs of the Shalor Eldridge Residence, Register of Historic Kansas Places, Lawrence's Downtown Historic District, the North Rhode Island Street Historic District, the English Lutheran Church, and the Watkins Bank Building, National Register of Historic Places. The property is also located in the Downtown Conservation Overlay District. Submitted by

Tammy Moody of Luminous Neon Inc for Berkeley Company LC, the property owner of record.

- DR-12-150-07 728 Massachusetts Street; Sign; Certified Local Government Review and Certificate of Appropriateness Review. The property is a contributing structure to Lawrence's Downtown Historic District, National Register of Historic Places. The property is also located in the environs of Miller's Hall and the House Building, Lawrence Register of Historic Places and the Downtown Conservation Overlay District. Submitted by Shad Woodworth of Gregory Inc for Hetzel Park III Trustees and Jean Hetzel, the property owners of record.
- DR-12-152-07 701 W 9th Street; Sign; Certified Local Government Review. The property is located in the environs of the Greenlee House and the Oread Historic District, National Register of Historic Places. Submitted by Dan Motush of Acme Sign Inc for Consolidated Properties Inc of Lawrence and First Management Inc, the property owners of record.
- DR-12-155-07 1129 Vermont Street; Rehabilitation; Certified Local Government Review and Certificate of Appropriateness Review. The property is located in the environs of Lawrence's Downtown Historic District and the Oread Historic District, National Register of Historic Places. The property is also located in the environs of South Park, Lawrence Register of Historic Places. Submitted by Robert Garcia, the property owner of record.
- DR-12-156-07 830 Kentucky Street; Rehabilitation; Certified Local Government Review. The property is located in the environs of Lawrence's Downtown Historic District, the Old West Lawrence Historic District, the Oread Historic District, the Lucy Hobbs Taylor House, the Carnegie Library, and Plymouth Congregational Church, National Register of Historic Places. Submitted by Sean Williams for Sean and Stacie Williams and Jason and Alexandra Todd, the property owners of record.
- DR-12-157-07 704-706 Connecticut Street; Rehabilitation; Certified Local Government Review. The property is located in the environs of the North Rhode Island Street Historic District, National Register of Historic Places. Submitted by Leticia Cole of Paul Werner Architects for Grant Lechtenberg of LFF LLC, the property owner of record.

Commissioner Meyer asked what the sign looked like for the restaurant Jo Shmo's.

Ms. Burke stated the sign review for Jo Shmo's would be on the February agenda.

Commissioner Meyer asked if the home at 1129 Vermont was the home that had burned.

Ms. Braddock Zollner said yes, the owner was currently rehabbing the house. She said the property owner was raising the pitch of the roof and adding an egress window.

Commissioner Wiechert asked if the sign at 701 West 9th Street was being refaced.

Ms. Burke said the sign at 701 West 9th Street was indeed being refaced.

Motioned by Commissioner Antle, seconded by Commissioner Veatch, to approve the Administrative Reviews.

Motion carried unanimously, 5-0

C. No variance (BZA) requests received since December 20, 2007.

D. Public comment.

Betty Alderson said she had been concerned over the years what the massive rezoning had done to the school enrollment. She said it was important to protect the older neighborhoods, and if there was not enough children in the area, the school would then close.

Ms. Braddock Zollner said she had worked with the Oread neighborhood association and had applied for a Historic Preservation fund grant to survey and write the history of the neighborhood.

Commissioner Williams asked if the Commission was familiar with the Bob Blanks study.

Ms. Alderson stated Bob Blanks had written a study for all the neighborhoods.

Commissioner Williams said the neighborhood was currently split between the Pinkney district and the Centennial district.

Ms. Julie Weisgerber with the Kansas State Historic Society, and CLG coordinator, stated she conducted all Federal and State reviews for everything above ground. She stated she was available for training or reviews. Ms. Weisgerber stated the State wide conference would be in Hutchinson, Kansas the 24th - 26^h of April 2008.

Commissioner Antle said he would make an attempt to attend the conference in Hutchinson Kansas.

Ms. Braddock Zollner asked if the Commission had received issues of the Kansas Preservation magazine.

Commissioner Antle asked if the conference in Hutchinson would meet the Commissions training obligation.

Ms. Braddock Zollner stated it would meet the training obligation.

Ms. Kt Walsh said she wanted to follow up on the green theme of the State conference. She said the Lawrence City Commission was formatting a sustainability task force but they had not included a preservation person. She said the Historic Resource Commission should write a letter to educate the new committee.

Commissioner Williams asked Staff if a building was scheduled for demolition, would it be important to take some of the historical elements from the building.

Ms. Braddock Zollner said when a demolition came before the Historic Resource Commission; a condition was often made to save a door or a window on site. She said Staff encourages home owners to work with salvage centers so that moldings, doors, or floors would be saved. Ms. Braddock Zollner stated it was encouraged but was not a requirement.

E. Miscellaneous matters from City Staff and Commission members.

Commissioner Meyer stated she had requested Staff to review what various bodies require of applicants, and what evidence was required to be examined. She said when applicants appeal to the Historic Resource Commission; the burden often came back to the Commission.

ACTION TAKEN

Motioned by Commissioner Antle, seconded by Commissioner Veatch to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously, 5-0

ADJOURN – 7:20p.m.