

Historic District Committee
Minutes
January 17, 2017

Those members present were Patty Waters, Debbie Coleman, Luetta Yoder, Barbara Pacheco, Carol Neugent, Wanda Gilmore and Brooke Aziere.

Also present was Historic Society Member Lavonna Benner, Planning and Zoning Coordinator Rose Corby, Mayor's Youth Leadership Council Member Denea Clark and Community Wellness Supervisor Kelsey Blue.

Waters called the meeting of the Historic District Committee to order at 5:32 p.m. at City Hall.

The first item of business was the meeting minutes of November 19, 2016

Motion by Coleman
Second by Yoder
To accept the minutes
All yeas
Motion carried

Under Special Order of Business was Election of Officers.

Motion by Yoder
Second by Coleman
To nominate Patty Waters as the Chairperson
All yeas
Motion carried

Motion by Coleman
Second by Gilmore
To nominate Brooke Aziere as the Vice-chairperson
All yeas
Motion carried

Under Old Business the discussion on Village Christmas. The Committee discussed what went well and what could be changed for next year. Things that need changed are more refreshments, more cups, more grab bags and pay to have K & A tear down tables and chairs as well as clean in the Community Building. Other items discussed included long lines for the carriage rides, still needing a volunteer to help with the photo booth and using a # hashtag for the photo booth so people could upload pictures from Village Christmas.

Blue passed around the Village Christmas Financial Report.

Motion by Aziere
Second by Pacheco
To accept the Financial Report
All yeas
Motion carried

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Under New Business was Notice of Term Expirations. Patty Waters, Brooke Aziere and Barbara Pacheco were up for re-appointment. They were approved by City Council and will serve on the Committee for 3-year terms.

Under New Business was Member Contact Information. No updates were needed.

Under New Business was Distribution of Yearly Calendar. Blue passed them out.

Under New Business was the discussion on Hometown Market. Blue asked the Committee to set the fees for this season. Blue said last year the price for a reserved booth was \$40 or \$35 for an unreserved booth. The Committee decided to keep the prices the same. The Committee discussed going back to the dates that we had in previous years due to low attendance at the first few and last few dates of the season. The dates for this season will be June 17 – September 9. There was some discussion as to whether volunteers were actually needed but it was decided that volunteers were still needed to deal with issues such as falls, vendors not having paid to set up and to continue offering market bucks. Blue will bring a calendar to the next meeting for Members to sign up to supervise the Market.

Under New Business was Planning Updates. Corby reported that she submitted a Preliminary Site Information Questionnaire on the Vickers Petroleum Service Station. Staff at the Kansas Historic Society determined that the property is potentially eligible for inclusion in the National Registry of Historic Places and the Register of Historic Kansas Places. Corby, along with Neugent and Blue, will be writing/applying for a grant that would enable us to hire a consultant to research, write and prepare a national nomination. This is possible because we became a CLG. Katrina Ringler at the Kansas Historical Society also thinks Haysville would be a great candidate for a city-wide survey. Corby went on to share that she will be submitting an article to the Sun-Times about the Vickers Building and will ask the Community to submit pictures or information about the building. She also interviewed Christine Price – a previous employee of Vickers Petroleum – and was given a plaque that Price was given for being a top employee. Corby hopes to interview more individuals about Haysville's history.

Corby's next item of business was the Pink Building. (This is the building on the west side of S. Main, at the very south edge of the District.) She shared that the Mayor is very interested in obtaining the building to turn it into a museum, however the issues of ownership, property rights held by the railroad, etc. continue to make it a challenge to obtain. Corby also noted it may not, in fact, be what we thought it was which means it may not have as much historical significance as believed. From the research she has done, there are pictures of it being built in 1965 as a warehouse. She will bring more information as she has it.

Next Corby passed around photos of an old "home" at Pirner and 71st street. It turns out that it isn't a home, but actually a potato house built in 1905 for an adjacent property. Due to its age and use, it would be of historical significance and very important to preserve. Unfortunately, the owner – who is the daughter of the late Mr. Pirner is selling the land, house and potato house. Corby met with her; she agreed to sell it to the City for \$5000. The Mayor would like to see us obtain it and place it in the open land south of the library. Of course moving it would be a big undertaking, both financially and physically. It will need to be inspected to see if the building could even withstand a move. Corby

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mentioned both Will Black and the Mayor said Public Works would be able to assist in the move, but a moving company will still need to be hired. Neugent offered to meet with the daughter the next time Corby does as she is familiar with the family from her time with the City. Neugent also mentioned the importance of doing due diligence in hiring a moving company.

Next Corby made a recommendation to change the name of the Committee from “Historic Committee” to “Historic Preservation Committee”. She is making this recommendation because the Committee is now actively involved in preserving properties throughout the City. Blue mentioned many other “historic committees” include the word “preservation” in their title. Aziere expressed some concerns with this and asked if it was even possible to change the name because the name is established by Code. Neugent said an amendment could be done at any time. The Committee wasn’t sure on the change. Corby said nothing had to be done now; she was simply making a recommendation.

Lastly, Corby passed around Historic’s portion of the City Park Plan. She mentioned she didn’t amend the content just added “bells and whistles’ (i.e. pictures, etc.). The Committee questioned where the document came from because they had never seen it. Aziere asked why we didn’t have any input. Corby mentioned she was simply updating the formatting of the Park Plan and wanted to show the Committee what she had done. Blue said the Park Plan was created by Georgie and approved by Park Board. Yoder (Historic’s Park Board Representative) mentioned she’d never see it before. Blue will find out more about the document. Corby went on to say that she is also updating the Comprehensive Plan (which is a document that Planning Commission creates). As she writes Historic’s portion she will bring it for them to review. She plans to dive deeper into the history of all the buildings in the district for this document.

Under Financial Report Blue passed around the Special Funds financial report for October through December. The Committee questioned the \$395 entry for Christmas lights and were concerned they weren’t asked prior to this being charged. Blue said this account has more than Historic’s budgeted \$2500 in it so this charge didn’t change the amount they were able to spend.

Motion by Neugent

Second by Yoder

To accept the Special Funds financial report

All yeas

Motion carried

Under Financial Report Blue passed around the General Historic financial report for October through December. There was a question about the encumbered amount listed. Blue explained there were two outstanding charges that were spent in December but hadn’t “hit the books yet” so to say. The encumbered amount will be reflected as the beginning amount in January.

Motion by Neugent

Second by Yoder

To accept the General Historic financial report

All yeas

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Motion carried

Under Financial Report Blue passed around the Historic Buildings and Grounds financial reports for October through December. The Committee had questions about the surveillance camera monthly charge, asking what it was, if it will continue to be a monthly fee, who made the decision about the cameras, where they are placed and if they are helping catch vandals. Blue isn't sure but she will find out. She did mention the cameras were able to catch someone vandalizing the market bathrooms and restitution was collected. Committee members voiced their concern about having charges "snuck in" and not being asked about things such as the surveillance cameras. They would simply like to be asked beforehand if things are going to be purchased which affect their budget. Blue agreed but reminded them that they don't officially have any say in what is purchased out of buildings and grounds. Neugent mentioned she thought the surveillance cameras charge was most likely not budgeted since it only began in November and maybe that amount could be added to the Buildings and Grounds budget so there would be the same amount available going forward. She also pointed out that Public Works does a lot in the district that doesn't get charged to our account.

Motion by Neugent

Second by Pacheco

To accept the Historic Building and Grounds financial report

All yeas

Motion carried

There was no Correspondence.

Under Off Agenda Waters said she will send a thank you to the blacksmith for the south entrance sign. She also would like to make a request that the new HAC purchase tall tables for the rental room. Waters went on to say that she heard the Mayor is interested in purchasing a caboose and asked what was happening with that. Corby said she is looking but hasn't had much luck finding an authentic Rock Island Caboose that would be affordable; most are very expensive. Waters also noted that her, her husband, Pacheco, Gonzalez and Harris took down the Christmas lights in the Bank and Wire House. The Committee thanked them for their work.

The meeting of the Haysville Historic Committee adjourned at 7:05 pm.