

**Historic Committee
Minutes
May 16, 2017**

Those members present were Carole Gonzalez, Debbie Coleman, Wanda Gilmore, Barb Pacheco, Brooke Aziere and Patty Waters.

Also present was Mayor Bruce Armstrong, Council Member and Park Board President Russ Kessler, Planning and Zoning Coordinator Rose Corby and Community Wellness Supervisor Kelsey Blue.

Waters called the meeting of the Historic Committee to order at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

The first item of business was the meeting minutes of April 18, 2017

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

Under Old Business was a discussion on Hometown Market. Mayor Armstrong proposed the hiring of a Market Manager to supervise the Market on Saturdays and to help bring in new vendors, especially produce vendors. His vision is to have the whole park filled with both Hometown Market and flea market-type vendors. Mayor recommend the Manager be funded by Park Board. Since the Historic District is a park and the Committee has never asked Park Board for funding, he thinks this would be a great project for the two groups to collaborate on. Mayor said Waters should plan to present this idea to Park Board on June 5th. He then asked the Committee to give Waters the ability to work with Blue to set the hours, pay rate and to hire someone if given the go ahead by Park Board. Blue shared who is currently registered: Sargeants, Neece, Suzy Cooper, Jessie Cook, Aviators and Grace Black (those who Blue didn't mention but who are also registered are: Kelli Fairfield, Pam Simmons, Donna Rowton, and Mallory Johnson). It was mentioned that the Market Manager could also help with promotion and advertising. Aziere mentioned the full-page spread the Derby Farmer's Market has in our Haysville paper. Blue will put information on the 63rd street sign. The group went on to discuss when and where other markets occur, how their traffic is and what they charge vendors; specifically the Kansas Grown Markets which include markets at the Sedgwick County Extension Office, 21st and Amidon, 21st and Rock, Old Town Square and Derby.

1st Gilmore
2nd Coleman
To give Waters the ability to hire a Market Manager for Hometown Market
All yeas
Motion carried

Under Old Business was a discussion on Chapel. The Mayor expressed his concern with municipalities having GoFundMe pages, citing the fact that people might question the City's funding and represent the City in less than favorable light. Instead, he suggested the Committee apply for Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funds. The City is currently putting together a 5-year plan for CIP funds. Mayor suggested the Committee may consider buying an existing chapel instead of building one new. He believes having a

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“historic” chapel in the district would be more fitting than a new one. The Committee shared the idea for the chapel would be for it to be a smaller version of the Methodist Church that was located in the area prior to the tornado. Blue asked what it would take to be included in CIP funds. The Mayor said it would take leg work to find a chapel, price out the cost to purchase it, move it to Haysville and remodel it but all this will need to be included in the CIP presentation. Coleman explained her idea of having a structure similar to the Lion’s Shelter in Riggs Park that has a façade of a chapel but would cost less since it would be more of a shell than a fully functional chapel. This would possibly allow us to avoid ADA and bathroom requirements. Mayor shared that we would like to move the National Day of Prayer to this chapel. Aziere asked about the timeline for inclusion. There is no hard and fast timeline but as soon as possible. Mayor suggested forming a sub-committee. This sub-committee will include Waters, Gilmer and Blue. (They will meet at 5pm before the next Historic Meeting.) Waters mentioned she’s acquired a couple of pictures from Nelson Elementary and put her name on old pews that the Methodist Church is getting rid of. Mayor mentioned again that the chapel is a great idea for CIP. Blue asked if repairs to the Wire House and Bank could be included; he said yes. The Mayor reiterated that the Committee has never come to Park Board to ask for funds and should ask them for money for improvements because the district is truly a park. He went on to say that there is funding available. Conversation continued about the railroad building (pink building), old playground equipment and the wagon that Waters had found. Mayor declared it is budget time for 2018 so if Historic has a project that they want done, like the wagon, they can ask for it to be included in their 2018 budget. Aziere mentioned funds for marketing and advertising. Blue suggested maybe the Committee would like to use some of the funding from Planning for this. The Committee thanked the Mayor for his attendance and support.

Under Old Business was Planning. Corby shared that she and Zach McHatton are planning a Car Show and Business Marketplace event for a Sunday afternoon in the Historic District. She suggested this event would take place after the Market was over, in October, so there wasn’t any competition between events. The Committee didn’t feel there would be a conflict and suggested June for a date. Corby went on to describe her dealings with the railroad about the pink building. She expressed her dismay and frustration over this. The railroad believe they own the property that the pink building sits on. According to platting the railroad owns 75’ on either side of the tracks; this would not include the property that the pink building sits on. She sent a certified letter asking for a listing of all their properties in Haysville. She hasn’t heard back yet and doesn’t think she will. Her next step is to get the City Attorney involved. Corby confirmed that there are no records on that area or the building. In conclusion, no one owns the property, but the Kyle’s believe they own the building. Mr. Kyle has since passed away, but the title company won’t release the title until the widow submits the death certificate, which she hasn’t. That will be something else Corby will look into. Corby went on to mention that the Committee needs to start doing surveying of houses in the Community for post-WWII architecture (homes built in 1940’s-early 1950’s) because the National Historic Registry for potential properties for grant funding (which could be used to maintain these homes and make approved improvements). Blue asked Corby to send her a link to the GIS website where we can research those homes. Gonzales said she’s heard if you designate your home as “Historic” when you got to sell you have to go through the National Registry to sell. Corby isn’t sure about this; she’ll check.

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Under New Business was a discussion on Gathering at the Gazebo. Blue said the date is Saturday, September 23 and asked the Committee to start thinking about bands. Coleman said she has the Celtic Players confirmed and also asked Ronda Clark's band from Church. Gonzales suggested the Ramblers. Coleman relayed information from Yoder about the VFW and mentioned the Masonic Lodge as an option because they are looking for fundraising opportunities. Gilmore will talk with David Carroll about this possibility.

There was no Correspondence.

Under Off Agenda Blue passed around a flier about an upcoming preservation conference that we need to send two people to. It is in Wichita on September 28-29. Waters will go and Gonzales will check her calendar. Gilmore mentioned she checked with the Presley's from Branson (not Baldknobbers) about doing a fundraising concert; they don't do tours anymore because their season is now longer.

Motion by Gilmore
Second by Coleman
To adjourn
All yeas
Motion carried

The meeting of the Haysville Historic Committee adjourned at 6:50 pm.