

**Independence Historical Preservation Resource Commission:  
Minutes of the October 14th, 2019 meeting.**

The meeting was called to order in the Spanish American Wars Veterans Room of Memorial Hall at 12:00 pm. Members present included: Ken Brown, Sean Clapp, Tim Raglin, Mark Easter and Tom Hoffert. Also in attendance was Independence citizen Gary Hogsett. Absent were members Tim Haynes and Tim Emert.

The minutes from the last meeting (August 26, 2019) were reviewed by the Commission. Sean Clapp then motioned for approval and Mark Easter seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

The next order of business had Gary Hogsett present a proposal to the Commission for permission to remove an addition from a building he currently owns located at 208 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street. The building was constructed between 1902 and 1905. It was known as the Shultis Building after owner A. W. Shultis, vice president of the Citizen's National Bank<sup>1</sup>. Since 1908 the building has had numerous tenants. The building was currently unoccupied when purchased by Mr. Hogsett. The structure is located within the downtown Independence Historical District. Ken Brown informed the Commission that after consulting the Sanford maps it was found that the addition was added in and around 1931 which as such would have been done under the auspices of the McNeil Printing Company (1929-1939)<sup>2</sup>. Sean Clapp then informed the Commission that he had done a tour of the structure, found that it is not structurally attached but rather abuts the original building and that in his estimate the addition was no longer structurally sound. He went on to say that there is no mention of the addition on the buildings National Registry form which would leave him to believe the addition was not relevant to the buildings overall defined characteristics. Sean Clapp then motioned that "The Commission approve the demolition of the structurally deficient 1930's addition to 208 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street on the grounds that this removal will neither damage nor destroy the historical character or character defining features of the original three story structure." Mark Easter seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

The last order of business dealt with updates on the Riverside and Downtown Historic District plaques (they are still a work in progress) and on the ongoing window replacements at Phil's Body shop (currently windows set to be removed and transoms installed).

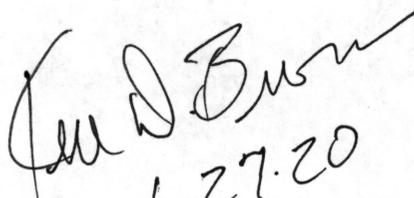
No other matters of business were brought forth and as such Sean Clapp moved to adjourn, seconded by Tim Raglin. The meeting was adjourned at 12:39 pm.

Minutes compiled by Tom Hoffert

Secretary, Independence Historical Preservation Resource Commission.

1: NPS Form 10-900-a (8-86) Register National of Historic Places Continuation Sheet. Independence Downtown Historic District Montgomery Co., Kansas. Section No. 7 p 50.

2: Ibid.

  
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