

**Independence Historical Preservation Resource Commission:
Minutes of the July 22nd, 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, Tim Raglin, Sean Clapp and Tom Hoffert. Absent were members Tim Haynes, Tim Emert and Mark Easter.

The minutes from the last meeting (May 31, 2019) were reviewed by the Commission. Sean Clapp then motioned for approval and Tim Raglin seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

The next order of business dealt with the applications for a number of structures to be placed on the Local Register. The structures include seven located at Riverside Park: Monkey Island, the Tennis Clubhouse, Park Office, Cemetery Wall, Sexton House, Band Shell and the Swan Pool as well as the Burns Urich residence located at 201 South 4th street. Public input was scheduled for today's Commission meeting. No members of the public were in attendance and as such Sean Clapp motioned "that the Commission apply to have these eight structures, listed as letters a through h on the agenda, be added to the Independence Local Register." Tim Raglin seconded the motion and all in attendance agreed.

The next order of business was revisiting the issue of the exact wording for and the type of plaque which will be affixed to the Riverside Park nominated structures. Ken Brown had previously informed the Commission members that he felt that FORPAZ (Friends of Riverside Park and Zoo) should be involved in the wording and location process and that he would approach them for concurrence. After looking into the matter Ken Brown informed the Commission that the members of the FORPAZ Board do not convene during the summer so he would have to wait for their return before he can assess their contributions.

The fifth order of business dealt with the proposed plaques that are to be attached to the buildings within the Independence Historic Building District. To date 30 of the 90 proposed plaques have been completed and unless Tim Haynes has been able to recruit additional help in their manufacture Ken Brown volunteered to complete the rest.

The sixth order of business was an update on the (currently tabled) demolition of two City owned properties located at 106 and 108 East Chestnut. Ken Brown informed the Commission that Katrina Ringler (Preservation Office Supervisor of the Kansas Historical Society) was made familiar with the matter. She agreed that with the Commissions determination that both buildings had "no preservation significance." Ken Brown also informed Commission members present that he had spoke with Independence Mayor Louis Ysusi and was told that at this time the city has no plans to raze either structure.

The last order of business was an update from the Design Review Committee. Sean Clapp informed members present that Hager's Market have expressed an interest in relocating their outside awning. The Design Review Committee felt that this was acceptable providing no visual impacts occur during the relocation and subsequent final placement. He also informed the Commission that the awning (and location) for the proposed Dickey's Barbeque Restaurant had been approved.

Sean Clapp moved to adjourn, seconded by Tom Hoffert. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm.

Minutes compiled by Tom Hoffert
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Ken D. Brown
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