Arkansas City Historic Preservation Board September 19, 2016 5:30 pm

Call to Order:

Roll Call: Kevin Cox [x] Foss Farrar [] Gordon Fry [x] JW Lozano [x] Jean Snell [x]

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

Public Comments:

No members of the public were present to speak.

Consent Agenda:

Meeting Minutes, July 18, 2016.

Jorge Lozano made a motion to approve the July 18, 2016 meeting minutes as written. Gordon Fry seconded the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

1. Reorganization-Elect Chair and Vice-chair

Jorge Lozano made a motion to retain Kevin Cox as chair. Gordon Fry seconded the motion. Voice vote carried the motion. Gordon Fry made a motion to elect Jorge Lozano as vice-chair. Jean Snell seconded the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

2. Historic District Survey Grant Discussion

Josh White led a discussion on a resurvey of the historic district. Application materials will come out in November. Jean Snell asked what the purpose of the survey was. White commented we were in need of a resurvey since it hasn't been updated since 1983 and Kevin Cox pointed out there are some inaccuracies with the current survey and there isn't a lot of detail in the listing. Snell asked what the scope might be. White indicated the scope is wide open. Snell indicated interest in exploring housing in the district and the nearly complete Burford project could serve as a new anchor for the downtown area. Gordon Fry did point out that fire codes can be an issue for such development. More discussion took place regarding the need for an updated survey. Andrew Lawson also pointed out that the downtown walking tour also needs to be updated. Lozano asked about zoning requirements and White responded that zoning already allows housing in a commercial area as long as it is not on the ground floor. The board gave their general approval and White indicated he would bring the proposal back when it was closer to time to apply for the grant.

3. Amendments to bylaws

Josh White updated the board on the board ordinance that removed provisions requiring board members to be representatives of certain groups. The City Commission approved those changes in August.

4. KOMA/KORA update discussion

Andrew Lawson led a discussion on changes to Kansas Open Meetings and the Kansas Open Records Acts.

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Adjournment:

Gordon Fry made a motion to adjourn and Kevin Cox seconded the motion. Voice vote carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:59 pm.