

Call to Order:

Roll Call: Kevin Cox [] Foss Farrar [x] Jorge Lozano [x] Gordon Fry [x]

Also present at roll call was Public Information Officer Andrew Lawson and City Planner Josh White.

Public Comments:

Persons who wish to address the Historic Preservation Board regarding items not on the agenda. Speakers will be limited to three minutes. Any presentation is for information purposes only. No action will be taken.

No members of the public were present.

Consent Agenda:

Meeting Minutes, **February 15, 2016.**

Administrative Reviews: **HRA-2016-007 120 E 5th Ave (Arkansas City Public Library)-roof**

A motion was made by Foss Farrar and seconded by Gordon Fry to approve the consent agenda as presented. Voice vote carried the motion.

Old Business:

1. Downtown Historic Survey update

Josh White updated the board on the historic survey that was being pursued. The City Commission did not grant their support for the project so it was cancelled. He also pointed out that this is clearly in the purview of this board and the city commission has agreed by the adoption of the original ordinance to support efforts to survey the historic properties in the district.

New Business:

1. Consider amendments to CLG Ordinance to change membership requirements for the board

Motion: To make a recommendation to the City Commission to approve/not approve proposed amendments to the CLG Ordinance involving the membership requirements of the board.

Josh White explained the proposed changes to the CLG ordinance adopting this board. The size would remain at five members. The proposed change is the requirement that nominees must come from various city boards but is hard to comply with. The proposal would be to remove this and focus more on the provisions that board members should have a demonstrated interest, or knowledge and training in a historic preservation related profession. He did point out that some of these may have been to represent the downtown merchants. Gordon Fry asked if the downtown merchants have been approached. Foss Farrar indicated he would be willing to approach some additional representatives. White indicated he had not contacted anyone personally. Fry asked if the members could just be at large and White indicated that was his recommendation with the qualifications portion remaining. Farrar suggested Jean Snell and indicated he would contact him. Acting Chair Jorge Lozano asked if we were ready for a motion. White spoke of the process. First the proposal would be sent to the SHPO for review and then the City Commission would adopt. White also went through some other changes which were mostly grammatical and formatting related and mentions of a quorum and the requirement of appointment of replacement within 60 days. Those sorts of provisions are found elsewhere in Municipal Code. Lozano asked about language regarding bylaw language and asked about SHPO approval. White indicated that if

the SHPO deemed we weren't following the agreement it could rescind the agreement. Lozano asked for a motion to accept the as written and recommend the City Commission approve the proposed amendments to the CLG ordinance involving the membership requirements of the board. Fry made a motion to Farrar seconded. Voice vote carried the motion. White asked for clarification of whether to strike the requirements and Lozano indicated yes this would be stricken and restated the motion to include striking this language and otherwise as . The modified motion was made by Lozano and seconded by Farrar. Voice vote carried the motion.

Other Items:

Jorge Lozano had a question about the library roof and Josh White indicated it was a flat roof traditional for this type of roof. The current roof is not historical and cannot be seen from the ground. Foss Farrar asked about the Waldschmidt building demolition. White indicated that the building was not protected by the State or National Register and that a survey would hopefully bring the protections for buildings like this. General discussion about protecting historic properties continued.

Adjournment:

Foss Farrar moved to adjourn and Gordon Fry seconded the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.