JOPLIN | HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 16, 2024

The Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Joplin met on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room at Joplin City Hall at 602 South Main Street, Joplin, Missouri.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Jill Halbach, Dr. William Mountz, Ms. Lori Haun, Ms. Kate Detar, Mr. Greg Huff, Mr. Robert Brueckner and Dr. William Fischer.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Ms. Emily Frankoski

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Thomas Walters and Vicky Copeland represented the City of Joplin.

Items 1. & 2. Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call

Ms. Jill Halbach opened the meeting at 5:01 p.m. and Vicky Copeland called the roll.

MS. LORI HAUN MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. WILLIAM FISCHER TO EXCUSE MS. EMILY FRANKOSKI. MS. JILL HALBACH, MS. LORI HAUN, DR. WILLIAM MOUNTZ, DR, WILLIAM FISCHER, MR. ROBERT BRUECKNER, MR. GREG HUFF AND MS. KATE DETAR VOTING "AYE". MOTION CARRIED. (7 IN FAVOR, 1 ABSENT).

Item 3. Approval of Minutes

MS. LORI HAUN MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. WILLIAM FISCHER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2023. MS. JILL HALBACH, MS. LORI HAUN, DR. WILLIAM MOUNTZ, DR, WILLIAM FISCHER, MR. ROBERT BRUECKNER, MR. GREG HUFF AND MS. KATE DETAR VOTING "AYE". MOTION CARRIED. (7 IN FAVOR, 1 ABSENT).

Item 4. Budget

Mr. Thomas Walters presented the budget with one expenditure. The membership fees to Missouri Preservation were paid. There were no questions from the Commission.

Item 5. Public Hearings

There were none.

Item 6. Discussion Items

a. Downtown Neon Signs Meeting

Mr. Thomas Walters stated the meeting went well and he was in the process of consolidating the information gathered at the meeting. Mr. Walters said it was difficult to find comparables. He would like to maintain pedestrian oriented signs not to exceed the height of the second-floor windows. There are guidelines set by public works. The sign cannot be more than 6 ft out from the building and must be consistent with their neighbors. The code was written for neon signs. Mr. Walters stated he believed costs would be prohibiting for most signs. It was difficult to find a middle ground code. Historically the signs were very large. Ms. Detar mentioned that maybe signs should be percentage based depending on the size of the building. Mr. Walters stated he needed to complete the necessary drafts and provide for approval at the next HPC meeting.

b. Union Depot Update

Ms. Haun stated they had completed phase two of environmental testing and results should be provided in February. Some recommendations would be made available based on the findings. They were looking for solicitation of interests. At this point it was a marketing document. They were working with the State. There would be an on-site tour in April.

c. CLG Application

Mr. Walters stated HPC would not be able to receive the grant agreement until fall. The budget cannot be obligated or spent without grant. He said without a matching grant we cannot spend any amount of the budget, unless the policy of the City changes.

Item 7. Old Business

None

Item 8. New Business
None

Item 9. Announcements
Reminder of stated goals.

Ms. Halbach will present to the Council in May.

MR. ROBERT BRUECKNER MOVED, SECONDED BY MR. GREG HUFF TO ADJOURN. MS. JILL HALBACH, MS. LORI HAUN, DR. WILLIAM MOUNTZ, DR, WILLIAM FISCHER, MR. ROBERT BRUECKNER, MR. GREG HUFF AND MS. KATE DETAR VOTING "AYE". MOTION CARRIED. (7 IN FAVOR, 1 ABSENT).

Approved _____
Jill Halbach, Chairperson

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Vicky Copeland, Recording Secretary