JOPLIN | HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025

The Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Joplin met on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 5:00 P.M. in the 5th floor study at Joplin City Hall located at 602 S Main Street, Joplin, Missouri.

The following commission members were present; Ms. Halbach, Dr. Mountz, Mr. Brueckner, Mr. Huff, Mr. Millard, Ms. Frankoski and Dr. Fischer.

The following commission members were absent; Ms. Haun and Ms. DeTar.

The following city staff members were present, Tom Walters and Zoie Hamilton.

1. **Meeting Called to Order**
   Dr. Mountz called the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission to order at 5:00 P.M. on January 21, 2025. Dr. Mountz asked for a discussion item before the announcements to be added for the awards. Mr. Walters stated that this was allowed, if there was no action on the item at today's meeting.

2. **Roll Call**
   Mrs. Hamilton called the roll.
   DR. FISCHER MADE A MOTION TO EXCUSE COMMISSION MEMBERS MS. HAUN AND MS. DETAR FROM THE MEETING. THIS MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. HALBACH. MOTION CARRIED. (6 IN FAVOR, 0 IN OPPOSITION, 2 ABSENT)

3. **Approval of Minutes**

MR. BRUECKNER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 19, 2024 MINUTES WITH THE CHANGED SPELLING OF MS. FRANKOSKI'S NAME. THIS MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. HUFF. THIS MOTION CARRIED. (6 IN FAVOR, 0 IN OPPOSITION, 2 ABSENT)

4. **BUDGET**

Mr. Walters presented the budget to the commission. Mr. Walters explained that there is an increase in travel in the budget. Mr. Walters also explained that the largest expected expense this fiscal year is the hiring of consultants for the North Heights Survey. Mr. Walters stated that there is an expense that has been paid but is not reflected in the budget yet.

5. **Public Hearings**

There were no public hearings.

6. **Discussion Items**

Item A: Memorial Hall

Ms. Halbach stated that she had no updates on Memorial Hall. Ms. Frankoski stated that there is still a group that is meeting to discuss the future of Memorial Hall, and they hope to be able to find an alternative use of the building.

7. **Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

8. **New Business**

Item A: Midtown and South-Town Banners

Mr. Walters showed the commission several concept designs for banners for the Midtown and South-Town area of the city. Mr. Walters also explained that final concepts need to be in by the end of February. Ms. Halbach explained how she preferred the simple line designs for the banners. Mr. Walters asked for ideas on items that could be used to create new concept ideas for the banners. The commission suggested the use of an outline of the Griffith Building, Glenn Theater and Junge park and bakery for the Midtown banners. The commission

suggested using a fish, the bungalow apartments and the Capri Motel for South-Town banners.

Item B: Landmark Notification during Business License Application

Mr. Walters explained that the commission would need to make an official request to the finance director for landmark notification during the business license application process. The commission agreed that this step would be a preventative measure for business owners starting the process in historical areas. Mr. Walters explained that while the commission can make a formal request, it will take time to prepare the request to present to city staff.

MR. BRUECKNER MADE A MOTION FOR THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION TO MAKE A FORMAL REQUEST TO THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN TO INCLUDE LANDMARK NOTIFICATION DURING THE BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION PROCESS. THIS MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. HUFF. MOTION CARRIED (6 IN FAVOR, 0 IN OPPOSITION, 2 ABSENT)

9. AWARDS DISCUSSION

This item was added by Dr. Mountz at the beginning of the meeting. This item was only discussion and no action was taken.

Mr. Walters stated that the Historic Preservation month is the month of May, so the Policy, Procedures and Promotion subcommittee would need to meet in the next few months to start the process for Historic Preservation Awards. Mr. Walters suggested to the commission that the commission take applications for the awards in the month of March so the commission can vote on the applications in the month of April.

10. Announcements

Ms. Halbach announced that the Post-Art Library would be holding a Black History fair on the 1st of February from 11 to 1 P.M.

Ms. Frankoski announced that February 3rd through 7th is Art Advocacy week.

Dr. Mountz explained to the commission that he will take a request to add items to the agenda, if they are sent to him a week before the meeting, to allow staff time to accommodate the request.

11. Adjournment

MR. HUFF MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 21, 2025, MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION. THIS MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. BRUECKNER. MOTION CARRIED. (6 IN FAVOR, 0 IN OPPOSITION, 2 ABSENT)

Approved _____
Dr. William Mountz, Chairperson

Approved _____
Recording Secretary