JOPLIN | HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2025

The Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Joplin met on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 5:00 P.M. in the 5th floor Council Chambers, located at Joplin City Hall.

The following commission members were present: Ms. DeTar, Ms. Halbach, Ms. Haun, Dr. Mountz, Mr. Millard and Mr. Brueckner.

The following commission members were absent: Mr. Huff, Ms. Frankoski and Dr. Fischer

Thomas Walters represented the City of Joplin.

1. **Meeting Called to Order**
   Dr. Mountz called the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission to order at 5:00 P.M. on April 29, 2025.

2. **Roll Call**
   Mr. Walters called the roll.
   MS. HAUN MADE A MOTION TO EXCUSE MR. HUFF, MS. FRANKOSKI AND DR. FISCHER FROM THE APRIL 29, 2025, MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION. THIS MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. HALBACH. MOTION CARRIED. (6 IN FAVOR, 0 IN OPPOSITION, 3 ABSENT)
3. **Approval of Minutes**
   MS. HAUN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 18, 2025, MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION. THIS MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. BRUECKNER. MOTION CARRIED. (6 IN FAVOR, 0 IN OPPOSITION, 3 ABSENT)

4. **Budget**

Mr. Walters presented the budget to the commission.
Mr. Walters explained that dues and memberships have been paid for the commission. Mr. Walters further explained that they are committing to using the entire line amount for consulting fees this year for the North Heights phase 1 survey.
Mr. Walters stated there was an increase in the conference and seminars line.

5. **Discussion Items**

A. **Memorial Hall**

Ms. Haun stated the community group turned in a proposal in response to the RFP.

B. **Midtown and South-Town Banners Meeting Update**

Mr. Walters explained that per the subcommittee, they are looking to simplify the designs and have the districts be distinct colors.

C. **CLG Evaluation Follow-Up**

Mr. Walters stated that the CLG Evaluation went extremely well and there were no concerns from the evaluation.

D. **CLG Training and Conferences**

Dr. Mountz stated that there was the MO Main Street Conference from July 22-24 in St. Charles and the Missouri Preservation Conference October 1-3 in St. Louis.

6. **Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

7. **New Business**

A. **Preservation Awards Recipient Selection**

Mr. Walters stated that the subcommittee recommends accepting the one nomination for the Murphyburg Award and for the Jeff and Carolyn Neal Award.
Mr. Walters stated that there were two nominations for the Leslie Simpson Award.

Mr. Walters stated that the nomination for the Murphysburg award is Rick Bussey, and Mr. Bussey has done several rehabilitations of historic structures in

the area. Mr. Walters stated that the committee accepted the nomination believing it met the intent of the Murphysburg Award.
Mr. Walters stated that the nomination for the Jeff and Carolyn Neal award is David Glenn, and Mr. Glenn moved a historic building, due to the railroad looking to demolish the building. Mr. Walters stated that the committee found the intent of the project to meet the minimum intent of the nomination.

Mr. Walters stated that the first nomination for the Leslie Simpson Award is Ricky Renee Smith. Mr. Walters stated that Ms. Smith was nominated due to many cemetery preservation projects she's been a part of in the area. Mr. Walters stated the second nomination for the Leslie Simpson Award was Emily and Kay Ellis, also known as the Ellis Sisters. Mr. Walters explained that the Ellis Sisters were nominated by Murphysburg for their extensive preservation efforts and events they hold for the public to spark engagement for local preservation. Mr. Walters stated the committee ranked both nominees and recommended the Ellis Sisters for the Leslie Simpson Award.

MR. BRUECKNER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE NOMINATIONS FOR THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS SET FORTH BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. HALBACH. MOTION CARRIED. (6 IN FAVOR, 0 IN OPPOSITION, 3 ABSENT)

8. **Announcements**

Ms. DeTar stated that the North Heights Neighborhood has decided to hold a market in the park, on the second Saturday of the month through September.

9. **Adjournment**

MR. BRUCKNER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION. THIS MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. HAUN. MOTION CARRIED. (6 IN FAVOR, 0 IN OPPOSITION, 3 ABSENT)

Approved _____
Chairperson

Approved _____
Recording Secretary