Minutes

The Leawood Historic Commission met in the Planning and Development Conference Room at 4:30 PM., on Tuesday, November 1, 2016. Chair Janine Joslin presided.

Commissioners Present: Absent:
Charles Lusk Bruce Martin
Alice Hawk Mike Reed
Dan Throckmorton Councilmember Debra Filla
Janet O’Neal Councilmember Lisa Harrison
Barbara Holzmark April Bishop, Cultural Arts Coordinator

Others Present:
Debra Harper, Staff Liaison

1. Call to Order: Chair Joslin called the meeting to order at 4:31 PM.

2. Approve September 13, 2016 Minutes
A motion was made by Janet O’Neal, seconded by Alice Hawk, to accept the minutes. The motion was approved following a unanimous vote.

3. Treasurers Report
Alice Hawk advised the current balance is $3,175.78.

4. Updates & Discussion
   a. Review progress of Somerset Historic District
      Janine advised training on the survey was completed this week with Alice, Charles, Barbara, Janine and resident, Susan Nitsch attending.

      Following discussion of the procedure for the declaration of the Historic District [HD], a motion was made by Alice Hawk, seconded by Barbara Holzmark to schedule the required public hearing for same on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, at 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers. If approved by the Historic Commission, it would then be placed on a subsequent City Council agenda for recognition and approval. The survey should be completed by Christmas.

   b. Report from Dan on proposed natural history of Leawood project
      Dan distributed an outline for the proposed Historic Commission Book, which included an introduction for the book’s purpose, along with information separated into the below listed sections:
Part One: Early Natural History  
Part Two: Current Natural History/Environment  
Part Three: Plants  
Part Four: Animals  
Part Five: Insects  

The Committee was in favor of endorsing the project. Dan stated he would happy to chair a sub-committee that would meet outside of the regular scheduled meetings. Charles stated he would be interested in working on Part One and Two. Barbara and Janet offered their assistance to work on the project. Janine felt confident that Bruce would be interested in working on this project as well.

5. New Business  
The following meeting dates were set for 2017:

Tuesday, January 10, 2017       Tuesday, March 14, 2017       
Tuesday, May 9, 2017          Tuesday, September 12, 2017       
Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Deb Filla asked that the Historic Commission have further discussion on the preservation and reuse of the original Fire Station No. 1 structure, dating to 1951, which also served as City Hall prior to the construction of the 1952 City Hall building.

The LHC agreed to the following:
The optimal scenario, should the 1952 City Hall building need to be moved for construction of the new fire station, would be to move it to close proximity of the historic fire station. The two buildings, dating to approximately the same time, would tell a cohesive story of the founding of the City of Leawood. The small two-bay fire station would continue housing the historic fire truck and be a part of a small complex of historic buildings telling the history of the beginnings of the City of Leawood.

6. Adjourn  
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 4:30 P.M., Planning and Development Conference Room, City Hall.

/s/ Deb Harper  
Deb Harper, City Clerk/Staff Liaison