

Minutes

The Leawood Historic Commission met in the Planning and Development Conference Room at 4:30 PM., on Tuesday, November 14, 2017. Chair Bruce Martin presided.

Commissioners Present:

Alice Hawk
Mike Reed
Dan Throckmorton
Janet O'Neal
Barbara Holzmark

Absent:

Charles Lusk
Councilmember Debra Filla

Others Present:

Councilmember Lisa Harrison
Chris Claxton, P&R Director
April Bishop, Cultural Arts Coordinator
Deb Harper, Staff Liaison

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

2. **Approve May 9, 2017 Minutes**

A motion was made by Mike Reed, seconded by Alice Hawk, to accept the minutes. The motion was approved following a unanimous vote.

3. **Treasurers Report**

The current balance remains unchanged from the previous May meeting, at \$3,175.78.

4. **Updates & Discussion**

a. **Report from Dan on proposed natural history of Leawood project**

Dan advised no progress has been made on this project, due to a busy work schedule, however, he had made contact with Scott at the Nature Center. Scott welcomed any group meetings for this project at the Nature Center. Dan will send e-mail invites to anyone that wants to participate in this project to meet at the Nature Center. They will discuss the scope of the project, project funding, etc.

b. Status of plans for the reuse of the Old City Hall building

Chair Martin stated the Commission is limited as to what decision it can make at this point, until the Council makes a final decision on the new Fire Station plan. Nothing can be demolished or moved until the cell tower lease agreement expires in 2019. Alice suggested sending a letter to the Governing Body stating the Commission's position on the reuse of the building. Chris Claxton stated she has been directed by City Administrator, Scott Lambers, their recommendation needs to be received by him by the end of November, with a recommendation to the Council in December. Chris advised all this information is scheduled to be forwarded to the consultant so they can formulate the scope of the project.

Discussion was then held regarding some uses for the building. It was the consensus the old city hall building be moved to the north adjacent to the existing fire station. It would be cost prohibitive to remodel or refurbish the north and south wings, due to structural concerns, costly roof repairs, as well as electrical and HVAC issues. They desire the building to be used as a meeting place, as well as a storage and museum to display historic artifacts. Chair Martin asked that all members send a list of current artifacts in their possession to Deb and she will incorporate all into one list for distribution. Chair Martin also asked members to forward any additional comments to him to be incorporated into his recommendation letter to the Governing Body.

5. New Business

Action Calendar – This was mentioned in some earlier meeting minutes and is currently no active.

Bruce advised the Johnson County Heritage Foundation currently uses Rack cards and suggested the HC may want to use these Rack cards for promotion of HC participation in this County-wide foundation. April advised these cards can be placed in the schoolhouse now if forwarded to her.

6. Other Business- None

7. Events

December 5th Christmas Gathering- Alice will be hosting at her home. Historic Commission members, Leawood Foundation members and the Governing Body are all invited to attend from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

