

Minutes

The Leawood Historic Commission met in the Planning and Development Conference Room at 4:30 PM., on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. Chair Bruce Martin presided.

Commissioners Present:

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

Absent:

Councilmember Lisa Harrison

Others Present:

Councilmember Debra Filla
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 November 14, 2017 Minutes**

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

3. **Treasurers Report**

The current balance is \$3,010.18. Alice advised she just received a \$90.00 donation.

4. **Old Business**

- a. **Unanimous acceptance [not approval] by the Governing Body at the December 4, 2017 meeting, of Historic Commission's recommendation for the preservation and reuse of the original City Hall Building**

The lease for the current cell tower located at 9617 Lee Boulevard [site of old Police Department] does not expire until July, 2019. More discussion on this issue would take place as it get closer to that period.

- b. **Received copy of the Somerset Historic District Proclamation at the December 4, 2017 Governing Body meeting**

Chair Martin received the proclamation at the Governing Body meeting.

c. Status update of proposed Natural History of Leawood Project

Dan advised he would be meeting with Scott at the Nature Center in either February or March. Dan advised the objective of this project is to advise people of environment of Leawood, [i.e., birds, topography, etc.] Bruce advised this may be information can be distributed by the Heritage Foundation and perhaps have a 'Leawood Chapter'.

d. Status update of documenting items for the "Museum Inventory"

No update. Members were asked to bring their list at the next meeting.

5. New Business

Open discussion for other projects to be considered in the interim until additional attention is required for the Old City Hall preservation and restoration

When discussing the proposal for converting the core of Old Fire Station No. 31 into a Fire Department Museum, to complement the Old City Hall Preservation, Gary Hicks, President of the Johnson County Kansas Heritage Foundation, indicated that a Mr. Ray Elder has a vested interest in supporting this effort. Mr. Elder is a retired KCMO Fire Captain and has served as the KCMO Fire Department Historian for a number of years. Mr. Elder is also affiliated with the Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City, a leading historic preservation group. He has authored numerous publications on Fire Department History and Operations. He is committed to assist our Leawood Fire Chief, David Williams, as may be appropriate in planning and promoting a Leawood Fire Department Museum.

6. Events

- Chair Martin thanked Alice for hosting a wonderful Christmas Gathering at her home.
- The State of the City Address will be January 31, 2018.
- I-Lan Lunar New Year Event will be held on February 18, 2018
- 10th Annual HOA meeting will be held at Ironhorse Lodge on February 22, 2018.
- Arti Gras, Annual Juried Art Show & Reception at the Lodge, Friday, February 16 thru Sunday, February 18, 2018

