

## Minutes

The Leawood Historic Commission met in the Planning and Development Conference Room at 4:30 P.M., on Tuesday, June 12, 2018. Chair Bruce Martin presided.

**Commissioners Present:**

Alice Hawk  
Charles Lusk  
Janet O'Neal  
Barbara Holzmark

**Absent:**

Councilmember Debra Filla  
Mike Reed  
Dan Throckmorton

**Others Present:**

Councilmember Lisa Harrison  
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 April 10, 2018 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. **Old Business**

▶ **Briefing of May 7, 2018 Public Hearing regarding 96<sup>th</sup> Street & Lee Boulevard development**

Citizens that were in attendance requested the area become more of a passive park.

▶ **Status of Somerset Shops Dedication Ceremony**

April advised Somerset Shop owner, Kelly Cannova, the City would pay for the plaque, to keep consistency with previous plaques the City has done. No timeline of events has been created, however she will disseminate as plans are developed.

▶ **Update on Natural History of Leawood Project**

Chair Bruce advised Dan is out of town and unable to attend, however, emailed he would be in contact with the Johnson County Heritage Foundation and ascertain if he can incorporate his ideas with their current projects. Bruce advised Dan would not be doing this as a stand-alone project.

#### **4. New Business**

- ▶ Presentation by Sandra Kelly, Vice-Pres., Johnson County Kansas Heritage Foundation; Overview of JCKHF initiatives

Chair Bruce introduced Sandra and she provided an overview of Johnson County Heritage Foundation's [JCKHF] initiatives. Previously, approximately \$250,000 grant funds were available through JCKHF for projects. Suddenly, when state tax laws changed, funds were no longer available. Approximately 3 years ago, a group was formed to ascertain a different path to get funding. Currently, there are 16 affiliate members, which Leawood is a member, now working with park and recreation foundation of Johnson County, which is a 501(c)(3) corporation. Their vision is funding through fundraising, possibly eight different large groups, one of which is Friends of Heritage, and categories underneath this foundation. They will fund raise and distribute funds through the 16-affiliate members. An affiliate member has to have authority to write grants. Initial membership is \$150.00 and possibly \$50.00 annual membership. They are a registered non-profit with the state.

Bruce advised the membership fee goes towards administration costs, not towards the available funds for grants. Freedom Frontier, an affiliate member, holds the funds until grant money is distributed.

Sandra advised Heritage has scheduled an art auction fundraising event on August 12<sup>th</sup>, entitled, Art of Summer.

Some of the tasks and projects they are looking at:

All the historical sites that are 80-100 year old buildings

Champion trees, which is the biggest, tallest, oldest, etc., of a species. Currently, there are approximately 15.

Cemeteries and burial sites in Johnson County, currently 54. In Prairie Village, a Kentucky Derby winner horse is buried in Corinth Downs, directly behind Corinth library.

Working with Mid-America Nazarene College, that has a vast archive department.

Getting interns from Mid-America involved and giving them credit as an incentive.

Putting maps and historic walking tours and /or trails on internet.

Attempting to work together as a group with other cities.

Creation of website in the future for this type of information.

They hold monthly meetings and have quarterly meetings to gather information.

