



**MINUTES
CITY OF HARRISONVILLE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL
JULY 17, 2013
6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Carol Bohl

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Carol Bohl	Chair	Present	
April McLaughlin		Present	
Don Bockelman		Present	
Ed Long		Absent	
Megan Rudell		Present	
Nancy Linthicum		Absent	
David Atkinson		Present	

2. Public Participation

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Historic Preservation Commission - Regular Meeting - May 8, 2013 6:00 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	April McLaughlin
SECONDER:	Megan Rudell
AYES:	Bohl, McLaughlin, Bockelman, Rudell, Atkinson
ABSENT:	Ed Long, Nancy Linthicum

4. Election of Officers

1. Election of Chair

Don Bockelman nominated Carol Bohl for Chairman and April McLaughlin for Vice-Chairman. Nominations ceased. Don Bockelman made a motion to approve the nominations. Megan Rudell seconded. The motion passed with 4 ayes and 1 abstention.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Don Bockelman
SECONDER:	Megan Rudell
AYES:	April McLaughlin, Don Bockelman, Megan Rudell, David Atkinson
ABSTAIN:	Carol Bohl
ABSENT:	Ed Long, Nancy Linthicum

2. Election of Vice-Chair

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Don Bockelman
SECONDER:	Megan Rudell
AYES:	Carol Bohl, Don Bockelman, Megan Rudell, David Atkinson
ABSTAIN:	April McLaughlin
ABSENT:	Ed Long, Nancy Linthicum

5. Discussion Items

A. International Existing Building Code

Rick DeLuca explained that this code addresses existing buildings and this is the first year the City has opted to adopt it. What this means to the Historic Preservation Commission, and the historic district, is that instead of bringing an existing building completely up to code, it would just bring the part being worked on up to code. Life Safety issues will be required to be upgraded completely. David Atkinson asked about ADA in existing buildings. Mr. DeLuca said that is a federal law and this code will likely not change anything required by federal law. There have been a few comments made, but none in writing and nothing negative.

Commissioner Atkinson asked if other cities have adopted this code or are adopting it? Mr. DeLuca said some cities have it, but more are looking at adopting it as well. Commissioner Atkinson asked if there are specific rules, or more common sense. Mr. DeLuca said it provides flexibility, and essentially common sense, to the inspector. It allows a property owner to bring parts of a building up to code, only the parts they are working on, and not the entire building, with the exception of life safety.

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B. Original Harrisonville Project Overview

Rick DeLuca provided a copy of the power point presentation that was presented a few years ago, for the HPC to review. Chairman Carol Bohl asked if the next step is to hire a consultant to review. Mr. DeLuca said that would be the next step. Then there would be meetings with the Historic Preservation Commission, the Planning & Zoning Commission, and the Board of Aldermen to get information and set up requirements before a meeting with the property owners in the area.

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C. Discussion of Future Projects

Chairman Bohl shared what she presented to the Board of Aldermen at their last meeting to request a budget for the HPC in order to do projects to promote historic preservation.

The budget would allow the HPC to hire an intern to develop a website, to bring in professionals to educate the Commissioners, and to help provide interpretive panels, plaques, murals, etc., in order to give visitors more information about the square. The website would be a place to put videos up about the square when it was vital, stories about the square, etc.

Commissioner Atkinson asked if Lee's Summit's website was stand-alone, or part of the City's. Chairman Bohl said it is part of the City's website with a link to the Historical Society. Lee's Summit has more districts, more meetings, and more money. Commissioner Atkinson asked if Chairman Bohl was well received at the Board meeting. She said she was.

Commissioner Atkinson gave some ideas for projects. The Missouri Preservation Commission has a yearly meeting and is a very good source of information. He said we could put QR codes on the buildings and then people can click on them to get information about the buildings. It would be an inexpensive and easy way to get the information out there. He said that hopefully, the square will turn around and maybe the buildings will be purchased. It would be a good time to get started so we're ready when it does happen.

Chairman Bohl suggested that anyone who would like to attend, or is able to attend, the Missouri Preservation Conference, do so. Commissioner Atkinson said he is going to try to attend.

Chairman Bohl said the County is considering working on the clock on the old courthouse, and she feels that they should come to the HPC before doing the work. Commissioner Atkinson said Larry Boucher, Peculiar, MO, clock maker/repairman, is going to the County Commission meeting on July 25, to discuss restoring the old clock to its original state, rather than go the cheap route.

There was discussion regarding the old hospital on the corner of the square, regarding whether it could be torn down or not. Discussion continued regarding being proactive or reactive and the affect that has on buildings. Mr. DeLuca said if the building is to be torn down, it will need to come before the Board of Building & Engineering Appeals and the Historic Preservation Commission. The old, old hospital is truly a dangerous building.

Don Bockelman welcomed David Atkinson to the Commission and congratulated him for some wonderful ideas.

There was discussion regarding having meetings, regardless of whether there is an application or not, in order to have education/training sessions. The concensus was to meet every other month.

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D. Budget Discussion

Alderman Morris Coburn informed the Commission that the budget item for HPC is on the Board agenda for Monday, July 22, 2013, at 6pm.

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6. Adjourn

With no further discussion to come before the Commission, April McLaughlin made a motion to adjourn and Megan Rudell seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

April Clark, Recording Secretary