

ACTION TAKEN

Motioned by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Foster, to approve the proposed project and make the determination that the proposed project does not encroach upon, damage, or destroy one or more listed historic properties based on the information in the staff memo and with the amendments noted in the staff memo.

Unanimously approved 6-0.

Motioned by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Arp, to approve the project based on the staff memo and per the Downtown Design Guidelines.

Unanimously approved 6-0.

ITEM NO.6: L-14-00130 Public hearing for consideration of placing the structure located at 1100 Massachusetts Street, the Douglas County Courthouse, on the Lawrence Register of Historic Places.

STAFF PRESENTATION

Ms. Zollner presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Leslie Soden, ELNA, commented that they just don't make them like the Douglas County Courthouse and Watkins building anymore. She noted the importance of caring for public buildings, and said the Courthouse is an iconic part of the downtown area which reminds her of Cottonwood Falls.

Mr. Dennis Brown, LPA, said it's interesting that the land for the Courthouse was donated by JB Watkins. He said he's very pleased that the County Commission has made the nomination.

Ms. Nancy Thellman, Chair of the Douglas County Commission, said it's pretty clear that this is a wonderful structure and worthy of designation. She said it is a privilege to walk into that building every day, and she thanked Ms. Zollner for her work in submitting the application and her roles in historic preservation for the community. She said the County Commission is in full support of the nomination.

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Motioned by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Foster, to adopt the Resolution 2014-07 recommending the structure located at 1100 Massachusetts Street for designation as a Landmark on the Lawrence Register of Historic Places.

Unanimously approved 6-0.

Motioned by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Foster, to adopt the environs definition as provided by staff.

Unanimously approved 6-0.

Motioned by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Quillin, to direct staff to draft the report to the City Commission recommending the nomination.

Unanimously approved 6-0.