

**LAWRENCE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION
AGENDA MEETING JULY 31, 2014 6:30 PM
ACTION SUMMARY**

Commissioners present: Arp, Bailey, Foster, Hernly, Quillin
Commissioners excused: Williams
Staff present: Cargill, Halm, Zollner

ITEM NO. 1: ACTION SUMMARY

Receive Action Summary from the May 15 and June 19, 2014 meetings.
Approve or revise and approve.

ACTION TAKEN

Motioned by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Arp, to approve the Action Summaries from the May 15 and June 19, 2014 meetings.

Unanimously approved 5-0.

ITEM NO. 2: COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Receive communications from other commissions, State Historic Preservation Officer, and the general public.

Ms. Lynne Zollner said she received a communication from the State Historic Preservation Officer regarding a pending nomination for 1709 Louisiana Street that is going to the Historic Sites Board of Review next Saturday. She said because they are Certified Local Government they're asked to comment on National Register Nominations. In the past, the Historic Resources Commission (HRC) has voted to send a letter of support if they felt the nomination met the criteria for nomination.

ACTION TAKEN

Motioned by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Arp, to direct staff to draft a letter of support to the State Historic Preservation Office for the National Register Nomination of 1709 Louisiana St.

Unanimously approved 5-0.

Commissioner Foster directed attention to the email from Dave Evans.

- b) Commissioner Hernly declared his abstention from Administrative Review DR-14-00224.

ITEM NO. 3: Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

ACTION TAKEN

Motioned by Commissioner Arp, seconded by Commissioner Hernly, to elect Commissioner Foster as Chair.

Unanimously approved 5-0.

Motioned by Commissioner Quillin, seconded by Commissioner Arp, to nominate Commissioner Quillin as Vice-Chair.

Unanimously approved 5-0.

ITEM NO. 4: DR-14-00036 504 Louisiana Street; Garage Demolition; State Preservation Law Review and Certificate of Appropriateness review. The garage is a non-contributing structure to the Pinckney I Historic District, National Register of Historic Places. The property is located in the environs of the Griffith House (511 Ohio) and the Dillard House (520 Louisiana), Lawrence Register of Historic Places. Submitted by Carl Edwards for Nickel-Evan, LLC, the property owner of record.

STAFF PRESENTATION

Ms. Zollner presented the item.

Commissioner Arp asked if the same standards will apply to any replacement structure since there isn't an old building to reference.

Ms. Zollner said they would be reviewing how it impacts the Historic District under Standard 9 for new construction, not demolition.

APPLICANT PRESENTATION

Mr. Carl Edwards said when they bought the place nine years ago the garage was already in bad condition so this isn't demolition due to neglect. He said the garage is currently leaning into the neighbor's tree, and asked the commissioners for their approval.

ACTION TAKEN

Motioned by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Arp, to approve the demolition as per recommendations in the staff report.

Unanimously approved 5-0.

Motioned by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Arp, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness based on the analysis in the staff report.

Unanimously approved 5-0.

Commissioner Foster directed attention back to Item 2 – Communications, regarding an email from Dave Evans, and asked if there is any history on the subject.

Ms. Zollner said no, but if it is something the HRC wants to continue to investigate they need to find a way to document structures before or during the scheduled work. She said that method has worked out well in the past, but not so well lately since it has not been established as part of the process. She said she would be happy to take direction to begin reviewing ways that the HRC can recommend adding that documentation to the public improvements process.

Commissioner Hernly asked if projects of that type are done by City staff or if they are contracted out.

Ms. Zollner said it can be both.

Commissioner Hernly asked if the City will inspect before or during the process of the work is contracted out.

Ms. Zollner said it depends on the project, sometimes there is an inspection during the process and sometimes only at the end of the project. She said there used to be a note on construction documents that the contractor would stop work if any historic materials were found during excavation and notify the Historic Resources Administrator. She mentioned that during the process of replacing the water line downtown, she was contacted many times to go out and document things that were found, including brick streets, a concrete vault, and clay pipes. She said the process is not something that typically makes contractors and city staff happy because it delays the project.

Commissioner Bailey asked about the increased work load on staff.

Ms. Zollner said that is also a consideration.

Commissioner Foster asked if the information gathered has some sort of value going forward.

Ms. Zollner said they don't have a lot of history regarding city infrastructure- how it was built and exact locations. She said many of the cast iron manhole covers that are stamped with foundries or with "Lawrence KS", as well as trolley tracks, have disappeared as a result of street rehabilitation.

Commissioner Foster asked if the Commission should direct staff to draft a policy that is manageable from the City's perspective.

Ms. Zollner suggested they could direct staff to explore the possibility of including the investigation of historic resources in Public Works projects.

Commissioner Hernly asked if someone on site during construction could send photos to staff.

Ms. Zollner said absolutely. This day in age, that should be a simple and efficient way to document those historic resources.

Commissioner Foster suggested they could mark on the plans the location at which the items are found.

Commissioner Bailey asked if it is possible to provide guidance as to what contractors or city staff should be looking for.

Ms. Zollner said yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. KT Walsh said she loves the idea of documenting historic resources through public improvement projects. This is part of the history of the working people in Lawrence, and there is also a great need to harvest bricks and this will provide the perfect opportunity.

Commissioner Foster directed staff to investigate and report back to the Commission.

ITEM NO. 5: DR-14-00151 826 Rhode Island Street; Demolition and New Construction; State Law Review. The structure is a non-contributing structure to the North Rhode Island Street Historic Residential District, National Register of Historic Places. Submitted by Paul Werner Architects for James and Doni Slough, the property owners of record.

STAFF PRESENTATION

Ms. Zollner presented the item.

Commissioner Hernly said overall, the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) felt that the detachment of the garage and its reduction in size fits much better with the area. He said the duplex part is a little bigger than some of the houses in the neighborhood but not as big as the previous version.

Commissioner Foster said they also discussed details such as the windows, porch, and elevation of the building.

Commissioner Hernly said the ARC didn't really talk about the location of the garage, although they discussed separating the parking. He suggested the Commission should discuss the location of the garage.

APPLICANT PRESENTATION

Mr. Paul Werner, Paul Werner Architects, said he's glad to hear the ARC meeting went well. He said he agreed it should look like a front porch with the steps up, and would still like to discuss whether it can be wood or concrete. He said they don't care about the windows. They initially chose vinyl because they are economical, whereas aluminum-clad wood frame windows are really expensive. He feels the porch works as well as the revised placement of the front doors. He said they are in agreement with everything the ARC discussed with the exception of the garage location. If the garage is moved back, two parking spots will be lost which means two bedrooms are lost, and if two bedrooms are lost, it can't be a duplex. He said they would be left with the option of a single-family home that most likely would not be built.

Commissioner Hernly said the Planning Director created a memo a few years ago about stacked parking. He asked if the memo provides an option that would allow two spaces stacked behind the garage as long as it isn't more than two.

Mr. Werner said he didn't think so.

Commissioner Foster thought they got rid of that option in the Oread Design Guidelines.

Commissioner Hernly said they only looked at it when reviewing the guidelines.

Commissioner Foster said it is car behind car unless the forward car is in the garage.

Mr. Werner said he thought there is an option for two and two, but then that's all that would be allowed.

Commissioner Hernly asked where that is located.

Mr. Werner said it is on the face of the website under Interpretations, but he would bet that it can't be done because it has to be the cars right behind the garage. He said they could cheat the spaces a little closer to the alley to get five, but based on experience with other duplexes he thinks theirs is the best proposal to fit six cars. He mentioned that three units are allowed with the current zoning on the lot so it comes down to number of bedrooms. He said he would be curious to know if the main issue is how close the garage is to the house.

Commissioner Hernly said it's also because, as you go down the alley, there are four cars in a row with just a little break in between them.

Mr. Werner said they tried to provide a break as best they could with four cars; unfortunately, they have to abide by the requirements for new construction. He said there are a couple "trays" of gravel parking that aren't site planned and a hold quite a few cars parking off the alley. If the garage moves he doesn't know if the structure will be built or what it could be- it would become a completely different project. He said he would like to find ways to mitigate the issue, even if it means making the overall structure a little smaller or moving it a little. He said the structure is modeled after 1211 Rhode Island St which is contributing to the South Rhode Island Historic District. He said the front face is almost identical, but that one actually does have an attached garage now but it's a big house on a 50 foot lot.

Commissioner Foster asked if he can do real porch appendages.

Werner said yes they can do that and he agrees it should be real wood. He said the basement is an advantage.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. KT Walsh, East Lawrence Neighborhood Association, said Jim Slough has done an incredible job restoring the red brick house down the street at 812 Rhode Island St, so they can be confident he will do the same with this project. She asked if the house can be moved or perhaps sold to Tenants to Homeowners. She also suggested, if the house is dismantled, any original wood or other materials be recycled and taken to the Re-Store. She said she has talked with several homeowners who are concerned about the size so it's good news that the size has decreased. She said the only stacked parking she knows of is at 1211 Rhode Island St but believes the lot is 50 feet wide.

Mr. Werner mentioned it is wider than 50 feet and is currently a 12 bedroom house.

Ms. Walsh said the biggest concern is the lack of a backyard and the common garage placement in the district. She said the garage placement is of particular importance in this district, so it's important to the ELNA people and the others she has spoken with that the garage be moved closer to the alley to allow for more green space. She said she is glad to hear about the porch. On a personal note, she said the property to the south has a small stone structure that was a boarding house. She said surprisingly, four people could live there and there are three doors on the building. Her concern is that heavy equipment operating around it could harm the structure, and requested they exercise caution when working on this project.

Mr. Dennis Brown, Lawrence Preservation Alliance (LPA), said the demolition of a property within the historic district that hasn't seen an interior walkthrough by City staff is bothersome. He also said the suggestion that new codes will be forcing the option of demolition on properties that will be rehabilitated as rentals is not something they are willing to accept as status quo. Regarding this particular agenda item, the design has changed a lot since the last

HRC meeting. He said he appreciates the work the ARC does and feels it should be recognized. The building has lost a bedroom on each side of the duplex and the garage is now detached, so those are good things. He pondered though, whether they would fall into a pattern of accepting something just because the original design was so wrong. Instead, he said, they should be viewing this revision as a new proposal and deciding whether it fits the guidelines. The new design, as it relates to the historic district, would easily be the largest structure on the block but not on the corner, where it should be. The structure stretches lot line to lot line so it's tight. In addition, there's also the issue of stacked parking within the district. He said it feels like they're trying to fit something in the district just because it's allowed by zoning, but that isn't compatible with the defining features of the historic district or East Lawrence, and that's a concern. He asked whether, based on Standards 2 & 9, this project can really be approved. Regarding Standard 2, stacked parking doesn't exist in the district and this might set a precedent. Regarding Standard 9, replacing older houses with income producing duplexes with parking arrangements that are not characteristic of the neighborhood is a problem.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Commissioner Bailey asked if staff's recommendation, regarding the placement of the garage, is contrary to the ARC's recommendation.

Commissioner Hernly said they didn't discuss that topic.

Commissioner Bailey asked for clarification, specifically if they can have stacked parking if the garage is gone.

Commissioner Hernly said no, but he asked if the garage can be five feet from the alley and have stacked spaces on the other half of the lot. He said he finally found the interpretations, and there is not a diagram of that parking configuration in the "permitted" or "not permitted" sections.

Commissioner Foster asked about the process for making that a requirement.

Ms. Zollner said the Planning Director would have to make a determination, based on that interpretation, whether that parking arrangement would comply with the Development Code.

Commissioner Hernly asked if the detached garage would be allowed as an accessory structure, which can be five feet off the alley, without a variance.

Ms. Zollner said right, it can actually go up to the property line depending on which way the doors face. She said staff really struggled with this project because, from the public right-of-way in the front you won't see the garage, but the nice rear yard space is missing. She said she isn't sure it's possible to lessen the patio and create a bit of green space or if there are ways to mitigate some of these issues.

Commissioner Bailey said it would be good to get input from the Planning Director.

Commissioner Hernly asked for commissioner's thoughts on the existing parking versus a configuration that is pulled back and stacked further into the yard, in terms of its affect on the alley and neighboring properties.

Commissioner Foster said it would look more like a parking lot and he can understand why it is discouraged. He pondered whether they should be entertaining a project of this size.

Mr. Werner said when researching the house, they found it is the most non-contributing structure in the district. He said it would be hard to duplicate this project because every other property is contributing or has contributing factors.

Commissioner Arp asked if this would be the only instance of the proposed type of parking arrangement on the alley.

Ms. Zollner said there is a mix of parking arrangements- there are some properties that appear to have parking in a gravel area.

Commissioner Arp asked suggested that this project would not be setting a precedent if there are other instances of multiple cars parking off the alley.

Mr. Brown said it would be setting a precedent if it is approved by the HRC.

Commissioner Arp said he feels the size is driving the parking issue, and he's not sure how it can be reconciled without changing the economics of the project.

Commissioner Foster mentioned that they shouldn't be concerned with that aspect.

Commissioner Arp agreed. He said it is hard to approve something that doesn't fit the fabric of the neighborhood, but also knowing that disapproval will sabotage their project. It would be difficult to reconcile with Standard 9.

Ms. Zollner said that is also the conflict staff is having, because Horizon 2020 says we want to increase density downtown and in the surrounding areas, but doing so is easier said than done and is a difficult balance.

Commissioner Foster cited the discussion of new hotels in the area, and how they prefer a gradual increase in size as opposed to a significant height difference between structures.

Commissioner Arp felt it would be helpful if the zoning could support the fabric of a historic district.

Commissioner Hernly said it has been like that forever and parking is always the issue. He asked if all of the other properties on the east side of the street are contributing.

Ms. Zollner she would need to research that.

Commissioner Foster referred back to when the project was initially reviewed by the ARC and the only real concern was the size of the duplex.

Commissioner Arp said that is not the criteria they have to manage.

Commissioner Foster said that is true. He suggested in the future if or when this project comes back to the ARC they don't spend their time focusing on the details that shouldn't be at issue.

Commissioner Arp said he didn't think they would prohibit the construction of a duplex if allowed by zoning; the issue arises when trying to meet Standards 2 & 9. The HRC should be reviewing whether a project meets the size and scale of the surrounding neighborhood.

Mr. Werner agreed that it's not the ARC's job to design and sketch the project. He resubmitted a new design to staff that went before the ARC for review. He said he struggles with the RM24 zoning. Most people feel it should be rezoned but it depends on who you ask. He discussed the possibility of lot combinations and what could be built on a larger lot.

Ms. Walsh said the example of the house on the southeast corner on 8th Street and the lovely cottage next door are a separate phenomenon and not a good example for what is being proposed. She said the density in the historic district exists because there are more people packed into 50 ft wide lots, and since times are hard more people are living together.

Commissioner Bailey liked Ms. Walsh's suggestion of harvesting any materials from the original structure, in keeping with Standard 2. He feels the revision is improved, but many of the issues discussed are beyond the HRC's purview.

Commissioner Arp said the size issue is what drives the parking issue, so it's hard to solve parking without meeting Standard 9. He said he could not approve the project under Standard 9, since the size is driving most of the issues.

Commissioner Foster asked if he has taken into consideration which structure, the existing or proposed, would detract more from the neighborhood.

Commissioner Arp said he doesn't see that in the criteria, so no. He is looking at the existing structure, if it's ok to tear it down, and if so, what it is being replaced with.

Commissioner Hernly said the biggest house on the block is the brick house, four houses north. It's two-story and has little houses to the south and north of it. It seems the difference in massing there versus this project is the lack of space between the existing houses and the proposed development. There is more than 10 feet between the houses on the block, and this project is narrow in the front so you see that break when looking down the street. The view from the front of the structure shows the true mass of the project, and he pondered whether that feature makes it incompatible or if it is possible to slim it up and extend it further back on the lot.

Commissioner Arp asked how they would address the back of the house in relationship to the alley.

Commissioner Hernly said he's torn between whether it's better to have four spaces sequentially along the alley versus a garage with stacked parking beside it. If the garage is pulled back it would improve the visual impact and be more compatible with the neighborhood as opposed to be having four spaces in a row.

Commissioner Foster said if you bring the parking deeper into the property it's possible other neighbors will start parking cars all over their properties.

Commissioner Bailey said that might also be outside of their purview.

Commissioner Foster said it might also be an indication that it is too much density.

Mr. Werner pulled up a drawing of the proposed landscaping with the parking area. He said they tried to create two islands in order to break up the four spaces. He mentioned that other properties on the block aren't parking the appropriate number of cars, and suggested if none of them had to pull a building permit no one would know.

Commissioner Foster asked where exactly the stone structure is located in relationship to the garage.

Mr. Werner asked Ms. Walsh if it is located just one lot over.

Ms. Walsh said it is right up against the alley.

Mr. Werner said it is probably 50 feet away but not right next door.

Commissioner Hernly said the house at the south end has some parking that comes off Rhode Island Street.

Commissioner Bailey mentioned staff's recommendation that the garage be placed five feet from the east/alley lot line. He said that recommendation will push the structure up and provide four parking spots. He asked if the zoning requires a certain number of parking spots for a duplex.

Ms. Zollner said they have to have one per bedroom, so that brings them down to four bedrooms.

ACTION TAKEN

Motioned by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Hernly, to approve the demolition and new construction as per the staff report with an additional amendment encouraging the reuse or recycle of any salvageable materials.

Motion carried 4-1.

Commissioner Foster asked if based on motion the setback waiver is contingent upon the Planning Director's approval.

Ms. Zollner said no.

Commissioner Hernly said it is contingent upon the Planning Director's review of the parking situation and whether stacked parking will be beside the garage.

Ms. Zollner said that is not the motion that was made.

Commissioner Hernly said the motion was to move the garage back, but they didn't specify if they are eliminating any parking spaces.

Commissioner Foster asked if six spaces are still required.

Commissioner Hernly said six spaces are still required so it would be up to the applicant to find a way to fit those six spaces on the lot.

Mr. Werner asked for leeway regarding the setback versus a hard line of five feet.

Commissioner Bailey said that seemed reasonable.

Ms. Zollner suggested they could give staff the ability to make an administrative approval to adjust it within certain boundaries or adjust it if the Planning Director approves stacked parking.

They agreed to clarify the previous motion to allow administrative approval of the parking setback between 5 and 10 feet.

Ms. Zollner asked if staff can administratively approve the stacked parking in the rear yard.

Commissioner Foster said that's what he had in mind.

Commissioner Bailey said yes.

ACTION TAKEN

Motioned by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Hernly, to clarify the approved action to include administrative approval of the parking setback between 5 and 10 feet during staff's review of the construction documents as recommended in the staff report.

Motion carried 4-1.

ITEM NO. 6: DR-14-00249 1329 Rhode Island; Addition; State Law Review. The structure is listed as a non-contributing structure to the South Rhode Island and New Hampshire Streets Historic Residential District, National Register of Historic Places. Submitted by Shelli Ulmer, the property owner of record.

STAFF PRESENTATION

Ms. Zollner presented the item.

APPLICANT PRESENTATION

Ms. Shelli Ulmer, property owner and architect for the project, said she loves the neighborhood and wants to invest in it. The design is in keeping with the neighborhood, which consists of typical bungalows and folk style homes. She is trying to add significant details back into the property such as the fascia trim and an increased roof pitch.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Commissioner Quillin agreed with the applicant and thinks the design really enhances the environs.

ACTION TAKEN

Motioned by Commissioner Quillin, seconded by Commissioner Arp, to approve the project as per the staff report.

Unanimously approved 5-0.

ITEM NO. 7: MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

- A. Provide comment on Board of Zoning Appeals applications received since June 19, 2014.

Ms. Zollner said one Board of Zoning Appeals application was received for 1106 Rhode Island Street for setbacks and will be on the August agenda.

- B. There were no demolition permits received since the June 19, 2014 meeting.
- C. Review of Administrative and Architectural Review Committee approvals since June 19, 2014.

Administrative Reviews

- DR-14-00215** 120 W 13th Street; Window Installation; Certificate of Appropriateness Review. The property is located in the environs of South Park, Lawrence Register of Historic Places. Submitted by Lynn Olson for Michael Nuffer Construction for Caring Funeral Service, Inc. the property owner of record.
- DR-14-00224** 804 Pennsylvania Street (605 East 8th); Site Plan; State Law Review and 8th and Pennsylvania Urban Conservation Overlay District Review. The property is contributing to the East Lawrence Industrial District, National Register of Historic Places and is located in the 8th and Pennsylvania Urban Conservation Overlay District. Submitted by Tom Larkin for Ohio Mortgage Investors LLC, the property owner of record.
- DR-14-00226** 1328 New Hampshire Street; Porch Rehabilitation; State Law Review. The property is a contributing structure to the South Rhode Island and New Hampshire Streets Historic Residential District, National Register of Historic Places. Submitted by Susan B. Scott, the property owner of record.
- DR-14-00230** 201 W 8th Street; Fire Escape; State Law Review and Downtown Urban Conservation Overlay District Review. The structure is contributing to Lawrence's Downtown Historic District, National Register of Historic Places, and is located in the Downtown Urban Conservation Overlay District. Submitted by Billy Williams for Downtown Equities LC, the property owner of record.
- DR-14-00232** 708 Rhode Island Street; Minor Subdivision; State Law Review. The property is contributing to the North Rhode Island Street Historic Residential District, National Register of Historic Places. Submitted by Dean Grob of Grob Engineering Services, LLC for Aileen Else, Trustee, the property owner of record.
- DR-14-00237** 1124 Rhode Island Street; Foundation Repair; State Law Review. The property is contributing to the North Rhode Island Street Historic Residential District, National Register of Historic Places. Submitted by Jesse King for Joe Bickford and Marcia Bickford, the property owners of record.

- DR-14-00238** 815 Massachusetts Street; Sign Permit; State Law Review and Downtown Urban Conservation Overlay District Review. The property is contributing to Lawrence's Downtown Historic District, National Register of Historic Places, and is located in the Downtown Urban Conservation Overlay District. Submitted by Luminous Neon, Inc. for Mobilosity on behalf of Chaudhry Wahla, the property owner of record.
- DR-14-00250** 918 Massachusetts Street; Interior Rehabilitation; State Law Review. The property is contributing to Lawrence's Downtown Historic District, National Register of Historic Places. Submitted by Tim Bruce for BurgerFi on behalf of Yuba City LLC, the property owner of record.
- DR-14-00256** 945-947 Massachusetts Street; Sidewalk Dining; State Law Review and Downtown Urban Conservation Overlay District Review. The property is contributing to Lawrence's Downtown Historic District, National Register of Historic Places and is located in the Downtown Urban Conservation Overlay District. Submitted by Jane Huesemann of Clark Huesemann for 1908 Reality LLC, the property owner of record.

ACTION TAKEN

Motioned by Commissioner Arp, seconded by Commissioner Quillin, to confirm all Administrative Reviews except DR-14-00224.

Unanimously approved 5-0

Motioned by Commissioner Arp, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to confirm Administrative Review DR-14-00224.

Motion carried 4-0-1.

D. General public comment.

Ms. KT Walsh said there was an 1880's two-story stone building at 1218 Connecticut Street that was demolished. She was told they were granted a waiver due its condition. Struct/Restruct suggested they harvest the wood but the next day it was gone. She was told that Salah Ibrahim owns the property along with several others. She also mentioned that Tony Krsnich is holding a community meeting on Monday at 5:30 to discuss what they would like to see in the Turnhalle.

Mr. Dennis Brown said it will be at the Cider Gallery.

Commissioner Foster asked if the aforementioned demolition should have come to the HRC for review.

Ms. Zollner said it was no longer in the environs.

Commissioner Foster asked if the same thing could happen in the environs.

Ms. Zollner said it can, there are emergency clauses that allow staff to approve demolition and bring it to the next HRC meeting if Building Safety deems the structure unsafe. In this case, no review was required because it was not in the environs. If the building requires a historic review there is a higher level of scrutiny when considering a waiver of the 30 days, and other options such as stabilizing or roping the structure off are explored.

Commissioner Arp asked if that was on the last agenda.

Ms. Zollner said yes she mentioned it at the last meeting.

Commissioner Foster said as they get more properties listed that issue might be resolved.

Ms. Zollner said hopefully, yes.

E. Miscellaneous matters from City staff and Commission members.

Ms. Zollner said they are still looking for a historian for the HRC vacancy.

Ms. Zollner said to mark their calendars for training on September 11th, which is required once a year for their Certified Local Government (CLG) status. She said in the past they've had State Historic Preservation Office staff come here, but this is the first time they are inviting boards and commissions from all over the state to do the training in one location due to budget cuts. She said Commissioner Hernly already had his training for the year and asked if he could share what he learned on his trip to Philadelphia. She asked commissioners to let her know as soon as possible if they can attend and she would explore scholarship opportunities.

Commissioner Hernly said the CLG training and conference starts the afternoon of September 11th. Katrina Ringler is holding a training session and the keynote gathering is that evening, so those who are signed up for the entire conference- a \$75 fee- can attend that event. He said commissioners could register on the Kansas Preservation Alliance (KPA) website. He mentioned that he previewed the venue sites in Emporia and there are terrific meeting locations and tours available.

Ms. Zollner asked if there is a one day conference fee.

Commissioner Hernly said the \$75 fee is for the entire conference. He said there is a dinner on Thursday evening and lunch on Friday. The conference he attended in Philadelphia was terrific- it was adjacent to the University of Pennsylvania campus and some sessions were in the architecture building. He mentioned the most interesting session he attended could also lead to something new here in Lawrence. He explained that Colorado has a program the National Park Service has grabbed onto- a youth summit that recruits middle school and high school

kids who might be interested in local government and historic preservation. He suggested in the next year or two they might consider doing something similar in Lawrence. One reason the National Park Service is so interested is because a group went to Washington DC to highlight the program, and as the students were meeting with their legislators, the paid lobbyists were off in the corner lamenting how much time the legislators were spending with the group. He said it looks to be a well-developed program and they plan to apply for a grant that would bring in a coordinator from Colorado.

Ms. Zollner said they usually do some sort of service learning project as part of the camp so they're looking for opportunities. She said they also went to a training session on compatible materials in historic districts, and based on that discussion she feels the HRC is doing a great job reviewing projects and assessing impacts on historic properties.

Commissioner Hernly thanked staff for the opportunity to attend. He said the big evening event included several food vendors in the market on the lower level of the former train station, which is across the street from a convention center. The original plan for the convention center was to obliterate everything but they saved this particular building. He said they went to Franklin Square, where Ben Franklin lived and had his printing press, but most of the buildings he was associated with were torn down in 1820. Through some archaeological work they located those buildings and created an interesting monument. He added that the new museum building is a modern structure that fits nicely in the area.

ADJOURN 8:20