

ITEM NO. 3: PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ITEM NO. 4: L-17-00223 Public Hearing for consideration of placing the property located at 2110 Harper Street, the James and Mary (Smith) Means House, on the Lawrence Register of Historic Places. Submitted by Douglas County, property owner of record.

STAFF PRESENTATION

Ms. Zollner presented the item.

Commissioner Evans asked when the wooden structure was built.

Ms. Zollner said the early 1950s.

Commissioner Evans asked if they can make a suggestion to restore the structure.

Ms. Zollner said the County has already explored that.

APPLICANT PRESENTATION

Ms. Jan Shupert-Arick, Douglas County, said this is the only remaining historic piece of the Fairgrounds, made of sandstone, which is unique. She explained the interesting history of the property and the County's future plans for the structure.

Commissioner Hernly asked if the long-term plan for the building would no longer include public bathrooms.

Ms. Shupert-Arick said that decision hasn't been made but is a matter of funding.

Commissioner Hernly asked if there is interest in State listing.

Ms. Shupert-Arick said she isn't sure if it would be eligible.

Ms. Zollner said integrity is an issue.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Dennis Brown, Lawrence Preservation Alliance (LPA), said he was not aware of this structure prior to the Landmark application, but it reminds him of the Murphy Bromelsick House that was moved to Hobbs Park.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Commissioner Bailey asked if the property is parceled out from the rest of the fairgrounds.

Ms. Zollner said that's correct- it would have been too overwhelming to list the entire fairgrounds property.

ACTION TAKEN

Motioned by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Veatch, to approve the nomination of 2110 Harper Street as a Landmark on the Lawrence Register of Historic Places.

Unanimously approved 6-0.

Motioned by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Buchanan, to adopt the environs definition as provided in the staff report.

Unanimously approved 6-0.

Motioned by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Buchanan, to direct staff to draft a resolution and a report to the City Commission for designation of 2110 Harper Street as a Landmark.

Unanimously approved 6-0.

ITEM NO. 6: DR-17-00288 and DR-17-00292 745 Vermont Street/746 Kentucky Street; Variance, Rehabilitation, and Addition; State Law Review, Certificate of Appropriateness, and Downtown Design Guidelines Review. The property is a contributing structure to Lawrence's Downtown Historic District, National Register of Historic Places; is a Landmark on the Lawrence Register of Historic Places, and is located in the Downtown Conservation Overlay District. Submitted by Zimmerschied Architecture on behalf of City of Lawrence, property owner of record.

STAFF PRESENTATION

Ms. Zollner presented the item.

Commissioner Buchanan asked if staff resolved the window concern.

Ms. Zollner said yes, they accepted an amendment to the project.

APPLICANT PRESENTATION

Mr. Jay Zimmerschied, applicant/architect, explained the vertical circulation for the building and discussed the proposed project overall.

Commissioner Hernly asked if the overhead doors are changing to a bifold system.

Mr. Zimmerschied said that's what they are proposing. He explained that bifold doors are operationally superior to overhead doors.

Commissioner Hernly asked about comments or thoughts from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

Ms. Zollner said they are working on it currently.

Commissioner Buchanan asked if any of the existing overhead doors could be repurposed in some way.

Ms. Zollner said none of the doors are original.