

Memorandum

City of Lawrence

Planning & Development Services

TO: Thomas M. Markus, City Manager
CC: Scott McCullough, Director Planning and Development Services
FROM: Lynne Braddock Zollner, Historic Resources Administrator on behalf of the Lawrence Historic Resources Commission
DATE: May 20, 2016
RE: East Ninth Concept Design Development Plan/Design Development Document

Background

The Lawrence Historic Resources Commission (HRC) reviewed the East Ninth Design Development Document dated 04/04/2016 at their [meeting](#) on April 21, 2016. Public [comment](#) on the plan was received at this meeting. After hearing the public comment and discussing the plan, the commission requested that staff provide additional information to the HRC and place the item on the May 19, 2016 meeting [agenda](#).

May 19, 2016 HRC Meeting

The HRC voted to move the East Ninth Design Development Document item from the last item on the agenda to the first item on the agenda due the amount of anticipated public comment.

Commissioner Buchanan, Vice Chair acting as Chair, recused from the item. Four commissioners, a quorum, were present for the discussion and subsequent vote.

The commission received staff response to the information request made by the HRC at their April meeting. (The [staff response](#) was posted on the website at 3:45 on Thursday to allow for additional research to be included.) The design team was present to answer questions from the HRC about the document. The historian for the design team, Dr. Dennis Domer, provided staff and the HRC with the [history](#) and development of the street.

The HRC accepted public comment on the item but requested that the comments address only the new information provided to the commission. The HRC also requested that individuals limit their comments to three minutes for an individual and five minutes if representing a group.

HRC Action

After consideration of public comment, staff's response to the additional information requested by the commission at the April meeting, and commission discussion, the commission voted 4-0-1 to have the Historic Resources Administrator forward a memo to the City Commission. The memo was to include that the HRC generally supports the plan dated 04/04/2016 if the City Commission approves this design plan. However, the

HRC requested that the memo also contain the following concerns that should be addressed in the technical design and construction documents:

1. The removal of historic brick and stone curbs.
2. The removal of the historic location of brick and stone curbs.
3. The removal of the brick street under the existing surface.
4. The change of the width of the street in the historic district at 9th and Rhode Island Streets.
5. Additional opportunities to relate the historic significance of the area to the public.
6. Consideration and protection of the street grid patterns.