

**KANSAS CITY, KANSAS LANDMARKS COMMISSION**  
**October 2, 2023**  
**Minutes**

The Kansas City, Kansas Landmarks Commission met in regular session (via Zoom Webinar and in the Commission Chamber) on Monday, October 2, 2023, at 6:03 p.m., with the following members present: Mr. David Meditz, Chairman Presiding, (Commission Chamber), Mr. Jim Schraeder, Vice-Chairman, (Commission Chamber – arrived at 6:04 p.m.), Mr. Murrel Bland (Zoom), Mr. Hank Chamberlain (Commission Chamber), Mr. Stephen Craddock (Zoom), Ms. Beverly Easterwood (Zoom), Mr. Loren Taylor (Zoom), and Ms. Micki Welcome-Hill (Zoom). (Absent: Van Middlesworth). Ms. Janet L. Parker, CSC/APC/CMA, Executive Assistant to Director Hand (Zoom), and Mr. Randy Greeves, Historic Preservationist (Commission Chamber), were also present.

Chairman Meditz called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2023, LANDMARKS MINUTES** – Minutes were approved as distributed.

**REPORTS:**

1. Planning & Urban Design – Historic Preservationist Randy Greeves
  - i. Downtown Historic Commercial District and Downtown Multiple Listing update – Mr. Greeves stated that comments have been received from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and he is in the process of editing the application before it is heard by the State Historic Preservation Board in November. He stated that SHPO has already reviewed and sent comments on the Downtown Multiple Listing application, and he will begin editing after he completes the Downtown Historic Commercial District application revisions.
  - ii. Downtown/KCK Main Street Program update – Mr. Greeves stated that he meets with the Downtown Shareholders every week. The Main Street application is 50% completed and the goal is to submit the application by the end of the year. A decision on the application will be made by March of 2024.
  - iii. Sauer Castle Presentation Debrief – Mr. Greeves stated that he made a presentation on Sauer Castle last week at the West Branch Library. He further stated that the Librarian told him that 1100 people were reached with 300 people attending live. Mr. Greeves stated that he has been contacted by several people interested in Historic Preservation since the presentation. He felt it was a huge outreach success. Chairman Meditz stated that he attended the presentation and there were questions and interaction between the audience, Mr. Greeves, and Chairman Meditz. He stated that the library is willing to facilitate any presentations the Commission and Staff would like to schedule.

- iv. Historic Preservationist Report on monthly reviews – Mr. Greeves stated that he completed three (3) State Law Reviews this month.
  - v. Monthly update on consultant work – Mr. Greeves stated that the consultants have submitted their draft existing conditions report, which is being reviewed and edited by Director Hand and Mr. Greeves. He stated that the document is 70 pages and is well written. There are many outreach events scheduled and Staff is working diligently on PlanKCK. He further stated that there will be more deliverables from the consultants in the future.
  - vi. Quindaro Townsite Update – Mr. Greeves is attempting to be appointed to the Task Force for the Quindaro Townsite. He has also reached out to stakeholders to facilitate a conversation on the Townsite. He stated that Freedom Frontier out of Lawrence, Kansas is under contract through the National Parks Service to write a National Historic Landmark nomination for the Quindaro Townsite. He will continue to work towards facilitating a conversation between all parties. Commissioner Schraeder suggested that he contact SHPO to assist him in facilitating this conversation.
2. Outreach Committee – Sub-Committee Chairman Schraeder stated that the committee has not met. He stated thanks to Mr. Greeves and a former Landmarks Commission member, Rick Yarnell, Mr. Schraeder has been nominated for an award at the Historic Kansas City Historic Preservation Awards Celebration. The event is Thursday evening, and he is pleased that Kansas City, Kansas will be in the spotlight.

### **New Business:**

1. Delisting demolished historic buildings – Historic Preservationist Greeves discussed the buildings that have local, State or National designation that have been demolished. He has environ reviews for applications around historic properties that are no longer there. He is looking into the procedure for delisting buildings from the register(s) that are no longer standing. He would suggest a listing of demolished historic structures (and delisted from the registry) that would be on the website and archived. He would like input from the Commission as to whether or not these buildings should be delisted. Chairman Meditz asked the Commission to send suggestions and comments to Mr. Greeves. Mr. Greeves stated that he will seek the Department's Ordinance Review Specialist input on the process. A suggestion was made that a subcommittee of two (2) Landmarks Commissioners, Mr. Greeves and Legal Department be appointed to put together a document detailing the procedure for delisting demolished historic buildings. Mr. Greeves stated that after further research, he will inform the Commission of his findings.

### **Miscellaneous:**

Chairman Meditz discussed appointments to the Landmarks Commission with the members.

**Next Meeting** – Monday, November 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.