

**Historic District Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**June 21, 2016**

Those members present were Patty Waters, Pat Ewert, Wanda Gilmore, Luetta Yoder, Pat Ferguson, Debbie Coleman and Barbara Pacheco.

Also present was Mayor Bruce Armstrong, recreation Director Georgie Carter, Planning and Zoning Coordinator Rose Corby and Community Wellness Supervisor Kelsey Blue.

Waters called the meeting of the Historic District Committee to order at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

The first item of business was the meeting minutes of May 17, 2016

Motion by Coleman  
Second by Ferguson  
To accept the minutes  
All yeas  
Motion carried

Before getting into Old Business, Mayor Armstrong informed the Committee why he was present at the meeting. First, was to introduce Rose Corby as the new Planning and Zoning Coordinator. He said she will now be a permanent fixture on the Committee because of the planning duties the Committee is charged with. She will be available to assist the Committee in any way in regards to planning and zoning questions and projects. The Mayor went on to share his vision for the District. He sees the area as a huge asset for the City – something not many towns have – and he would like to see it treated as such. He would like to see more programs and events held in the District like car shows, art and craft fairs, concerts, expanding the Market, etc. These events will attract more people to live and build in the City, which boils down to more money for the City and, in turn, the Committee. In regards to the funding questions the Committee asked at the last meeting, the Mayor said he is very open to the idea of providing additional funding to the Committee (on top of what is already allocated to the group) if the Committee has specific ideas in mind. The Committee will need to put together a plan for the funds requested, outlining specific project details, and submit it for review to be included in the Capital Improvement Plan. Concerning Park Board funds from fireworks sales and the tax increase, the Mayor said many of the parks had fallen into disarray so Park Board is focusing funds to repair and update most of those parks, but once those projects are completed the Committee can submit a plan for review for possible funding. Waters asked if Blue would write the funding proposals. The Mayor said no, it should be the Committee as a whole that writes them. He suggested instead of funding the building of a brand new chapel may be an old one could be one moved in and renovated – grant funding may be available for a project like this. Mayor Armstrong went on to mention that the City is happy to support the Committee's efforts through advertising on the electronic billboard at 63<sup>rd</sup> and Broadway and through a new City newsletter.

Under Old Business was a discussion on Planning Updates. Blue passed out a multitude of documents including Historic Committee Bylaws, Historic's section in City Code, Historic's section in Planning and Zoning Plan, and Historic's paragraph in Planning's

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Comprehensive Plan. Corby then shared a lot of valuable information with the Committee. Discussion on a number of topics was extensive and included the following:

- She answered their question from the previous meeting about who has final say if a business wants to come in to the Historic District. She used an example of a hotel. The potential hotel owner would contact Zach McHatton as the economic development director, Zach would share the information with the Historic Committee, Historic Committee would then make a recommendation of yea or nay to Planning Commission, Planning would make their recommendation to City Council and then Council and the Mayor would make the ultimate and final decision on whether a hotel can be built/operated within the District. In short, Historic Committee makes recommendations to various boards but does not have final say.
- This is not to say that the Committee is invaluable – quite the opposite – they have the ability to create one the most valuable pieces of property in the City. That is why it is so important for the Committee to continue working towards building the area through events, projects and historical designations.
- City Code, which contains the overlay document Historic is in the process of reviewing (for recommendations purposes only) is basically like City “law”. It must be followed.
- Corby likes what she sees in Historic District Overlay document.
- Corby brought up her concern with the Victorian door that was suggested to replace the screen door on the Wire House. The Victorian door is not period and so it would greatly de-value the property if it was installed. The Committee has to work to keep the value in the properties of the district. She is working with a lady named Amanda at the Kansas Historical Society about the possibility of having the Wire House included in the list of Kansas Historic Places. This type of designation can open the door to grant funding to maintain the property. One issue that was brought up immediately by Corby’s contact is the roof; it is not period. If it is not replaced with a material that would have been found on the house when it was built it will prohibit the Wire House’s being listed as a historic property. Corby would like to arrange for Amanda to come to a preliminary review of the property.
- The Committee also needs to be looking at properties outside the District for potential historical value. Corby asked Chad Bettles to compile a list of properties over 50 years old, the minimum age for a property to be considered historic. The Committee should then see if any of these properties meet the criteria.

Under New Business was a discussion on Gathering at the Gazebo to be held on Saturday, September 24. Waters will talk to the band she knows, Gilmer will talk with the Wichita Celtic Players and Yoder will talk with the VFW.

There was no Correspondence.

There was no Off Agenda.

Motion by Gilmer

Second by Coleman

To adjourn

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All yeas

Motion carried

The meeting of the Haysville Historic Committee adjourned at 6:45 pm.