

LIBERTY HISTORIC DISTRICT REVIEW COMMISSION
Regular Session Summary

July 19, 2016
5:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Grundy called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

John Carr, Vern Drottz, Matt Grundy, Dail Hobbs, Clay Lozier, Kelley Wrenn Pozel, and Doug Wilson answered roll call. Jonna Wensel, Community Development Manager, represented staff.

Shane Griffin, Steve Meirowsky, Ralph Brant, and Kellie Houx were also in attendance.

III. Approval of Meeting Summary

Mr. Lozier made a motion to approve the Meeting Summary of the May 3, 2016 HDRC Meeting. Ms. Pozel seconded the motion which was approved 7-0.

IV. HDRC Case #16-013J: Consideration of a request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for alterations to the deck at 455 E. Kansas Street, Jewell Historic District

Ms. Wensel presented the details of the application, as described in the staff report.

Ms. Pozel asked if the fire escape would be used elsewhere on the house. Brandon Tiesing, the applicant, said it would not.

Mr. Hobbs asked if the window under the second story deck would remain. Mr. Tiesing said it would.

Mr. Carr asked if the railing will match those on the side porch, or will it look like depicted in the drawings. Mr. Tiesing said it would match the side porch railings.

Mr. Drottz asked if lattice would be used around the deck. Mr. Tiesing replied that it will if he can find lattice to match that on the side porch. Mr. Drottz said that style can be found at Schutte Lumber.

Mr. Carr made a motion to approve the application as submitted because it meets the design guidelines. Mr. Lozier seconded the motion, which was approved 7-0.

V. Update on Dangerous Building at 5 N. Water Street, Liberty Square Historic District

Ms. Wensel reviewed the events following receipt of the application for demolition of 5 N. Water Street from the owner, Shane Griffin. She said three engineers have provided reports and analysis of the structure, and the consensus was that the building should be demolished in a controlled manner. The Chief Building Official declared the building dangerous, which supersedes the HDRC review process.

Mr. Hobbs asked Mr. Griffin if the front façade could be preserved. Mr. Griffin said he believes the front is the least secure. Mr. Hobbs said the architectural significance is the

only thing worth saving and asked Mr. Griffin if the elements would be salvaged. Mr. Griffin said with a controlled demolition, the stained glass windows and the cornice could be saved.

Mr. Lozier asked if the building could be saved if cost was no factor. Ms. Wensel said cost is a factor, but it appeared from the report that the walls could not be repaired as they are and would require complete reconstruction.

Mr. Carr said he has worked extensively with engineer Ken Sidorowicz on many projects and respects his analysis.

Mr. Carr asked if the building could be disassembled to salvage the structural members. Mr. Griffin said that most of the structural members have been sistered and would have little value as salvage.

Mr. Grundy said he looks forward to what will replace these buildings in the future.

VI. Other Business

- a. Administrative approvals
 - a. Ms. Wensel said there had been 14 since the last meeting.
- b. Miscellaneous matters from the Commission
- c. Miscellaneous matters from staff

Ms. Wensel said she will attend the state Main Street Conference in Washington, Missouri next week.

Vice-Chairman Carr adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.