

Members present: Pat Boatwright
John Bowling
Dana Dixon, secretary
Mary Girard, vice-president
Gary Nogle
Tom Tye, president

Others present: Joni House, CLG coordinator

1. Tye called the meeting to order at 9:31 am and asked for approval of minutes from the regular meeting held February 3, 2023.
Nogle moved to approve; Girard seconded; passed.
2. Tye recognized National Preservation Month and asked House to provide background. She also stated that at their Monday meeting, the City Commission will issue a proclamation recognizing Preservation Month at their regular meeting to make the community aware of the importance of preservation. Members of the Boyle Landmark Trust and Perryville Battlefield will attend. She encouraged members of this board to attend.
3. Girard has resigned from this board. Tye and House expressed appreciation for her service.
4. Steve Hoffman, director of the Norton Center for the Arts, gave rationale as the facility approaches its 50th anniversary for its application to the National Register. Tye asked for public comment.
Bowling read the statement that "the Norton Center for the Arts is an excellent example of architectural eligibility under Criteria C for the National Register of Historic Places, as the property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, a possession of high artistic value, or represents a significant or distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction. We encourage the Mayor and City Commissioner to review the information included." He then so moved. Girard seconded. After other member comments praising the facility's value to the community, the motion carried.
5. A COA has been requested to allow installation of removable copper chimney caps to the Montgomery-Rodes House, 305 North Third, which is listed on the National Register.
Girard moved to approve; Boatwright seconded the motion; carried.
6. House reported on staff-approved COAs, which included 101-103 East Main, as the owners came before the board previously and have since found acceptable replacement windows. The other approved requests were for window signs.
7. In anticipation of a discussion on boundary amendments, Tye asked whether the City Attorney or City Manager were present. Since neither was in attendance, Tye suggested we table the discussion of removing some properties from the overlay district. House reported that a cultural overlay district is being considered as part of future master plans, which would include KSD property. Bowling suggested that a letter be drafted and signed by our board that requests City officials, such as the City Manager, include House in future discussions that affect historic preservation issues.
Earl Coffey, city manager, was asked to come in; he said they'll consider boundary issues after the budget process is complete. Bowling then asked him directly to consider having House be part of discussions regarding preservation.
Girard moved to table our boundary discussion until the City Manager can attend after the budget process is complete; Bowling seconded the motion; carried.
8. House reminded the board that we now have two vacancies and asked all to suggest qualified people.
9. At 10:10 am, Girard moved to adjourn the meeting; Bowling seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Dana Dixon, secretary

APPROVED:

