



Monday, September 26, 2022  
12:00 PM

Historic Preservation Resource Commission (Certified Local Government)

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. MINUTES
  - a. Approval of August 22, 2022 minutes
- III. ACTION ITEMS
  - a. Annual Report Submitted to SHPO
- IV. DISCUSSION
  - a. Discussion of the Booth Theater
  - b. Report on Arco Building
  - c. Future Downtown Assessments and Tours
  - d. Reports/Concerns/Questions
- V. ADJOURNMENT



**REQUEST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
RESOURCE COMMISSION (CERTIFIED LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT) ACTION  
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**Department Admin**

**Prepared By David Cowan**

**AGENDA ITEM** Approval of August 22, 2022 minutes

**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

**BACKGROUND** Draft minutes prepared by Brea.

**SUGGESTED MOTION** I move to approve the August 22, 2022 minutes.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

1. Aug22Minutes

## **Independence Historical Preservation Resource Commission Minutes of the August 22, 2022 Meeting**

The August meeting was called to order in the North Veteran Room of Memorial Hall at 12:00 p.m. Members present included: Darin Axthelm, Bill Gour, Gary Hogsett, Breanne Sanford, Tim White and Jason Rutledge. Also present were David Cowan (Assistant City Manager), Kelly Passauer (City Manager), Lisa Wilson (Independence Chamber of Commerce), Tabatha Snodgrass (Independence Main Street) and April Nutt (Independence Housing Authority).

The minutes from July 25 were read over and corrections were made as needed. Gary Hogsett motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Bill Gour seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Commission went over the Annual Report and discussed the different facets and those that were previously on the Commission. It was found that corrections need to be made to May's attendance and minutes need to be re-read to find any inconsistencies. It was suggested by Jason Rutledge to add no-quorum/no-business columns to the attendance spreadsheet in order to specify those dates in the attendance roster. Gary Hogsett again made a motion to approve the Annual Report after revision. It was seconded by Bill Gour and the motion passed.

Next, the group discussed the downtown assessment and tours. Member Gary Hogsett invited everyone to tour one of his properties, located at 208 North 8th Street, after the meeting concluded. Discussion about the Booth Theatre tour brought up talks on how can we go about fixing the roofs of the downtown businesses and mitigate the damage that has already begun. The property to the immediate west of the Booth Theatre still has some promise and good bones. It is currently owned by Ned Stitchman and the Independence Historical Museum and Art Center use it to house some of the Jim Halsey artifacts. The building is eligible for RHID funds, but, as April Nutt mentioned, it would take millions of dollars for renovation of the corner building.

The Booth Theatre is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places and has received state funds before for the renovation of the lobby areas and not the back. April feels that since the State has already awarded the Booth Theatre funds for renovation, that it would likely balk at funding more. There is a board in place for the Booth, but they are not active and out of funds. The Commission feels that there should be a rejuvenation of the board. It was decided that Darin would e-mail Ned to invite him to a meeting in order to talk about the Board and the Booth Theatre both to see if there would be some way he would be willing to accept the Commission's help in any way. The City may have to step in and repair the building roof, back windows and secure the building from unwanted entry. Darin suggested making sure that there is proper circulation to prevent more mold and water damage.

Kelly Passauer explained to the group that they are attempting to persuade the 2023 Kansas Preservation Conference into coming to Independence. The event is May 4-6 and could be held in various different spots, such as Memorial Hall, the Booth Hotel and

the History Museum. The Conference could bring in 100+ attendees if we are accepted as the venue.

It was discussed that the Commission write a letter of support to the board in charge of the Conference, but no action was taken.

Bill Gour motioned to end the meeting at 1:05 p.m. Gary Hogsett seconded the motion and the meeting ended. Some members of the Commission toured Hogsett's 8th Street building after the meeting adjourned. The Commission will reconvene September 26, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. in the North Veteran Room of Memorial Hall.



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**AGENDA ITEM** Annual Report Submitted to SHPO

**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION** Recommend approval of the annual report.

**BACKGROUND** SHPO requires certified local government groups to submit an annual report of their activities. The chairman has submitted the following report with your edits from the last meeting.

**SUGGESTED MOTION** I move to approve the annual report to SHPO

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

1. 2022 Annual Report

**Independence Historic Preservation and Resource Commission  
Annual Report  
2021-2022**

1. Number and types of cases reviewed and their disposition.
  - A. Patio 210 – Repair brick wall and paint mural – Approved
  - B. 111 E Main – New Roof – Approved
  - C. 300 N. 8<sup>th</sup> – Demolition – Not Approved
2. List of new historic designations made.  
None
3. List of new appointments and the resumes of new members.
  - A. Julie Dunham
  - B. Tom Hoffert
  - C. Bill Gour
  - D. Gary Hogsett
  - E. Breann Sanford
4. Attendance records of members.

| Name             | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Sean Clapp       | X   |     |     |     |     |     | X   | X   |     | X   | X   |     |
| Tim Haynes       | X   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Darin Axthelm    | X   |     |     |     |     |     | X   | X   |     | X   | X   | X   |
| Tom Hoffert      | X   |     |     |     |     |     | X   | X   |     | X   | X   |     |
| J.D. Cox         | X   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Kathleen Babcock |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Bill Gour        | X   |     |     |     |     |     | X   | X   |     | X   | X   | X   |
| Julie Dunham     |     |     |     |     |     |     | X   | X   |     |     | X   |     |
| Gary Hogsett     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | X   | X   |
| Breann Sanford   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | X   | X   |

5. List of educational meetings attended by each member.  
Feb 28 Commission meeting included one hour of training by Katrina Ringer from the State.  
Attended by Sean Clapp, Darin Axthelm, Tom Hoffert, Kathleen Babcock and Bill Gour.
6. Minutes of meetings at which state or national register nominations were considered.  
None
7. Goals and objectives for the coming year.
  - A. Review/update inventory of historic properties in the district.

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Darin R. Axthelm, Chair IHPRC



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**AGENDA ITEM** Discussion of the Booth Theater

**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

**BACKGROUND** Norman Chambers will be present to discuss the Booth Theater.

**SUGGESTED MOTION**

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**AGENDA ITEM** Report on Arco Building

**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

**BACKGROUND** Request to update the board on issues with the Arco Building.

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**AGENDA ITEM** Future Downtown Assessments and Tours

**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

**BACKGROUND** Discussion of the downtown assessment and buildings the committee would like to tour.

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