

Heritage Conservation Council

Thursday, November 3, 2011
Douglas County Courthouse, 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Minutes

Members Present: Paul Bahnmaier, John Bradley, Shelley Hickman Clark, Ken Grotewiel, Julia Manglitz, Gary Price, Jeannette Blackmar (Coordinator)

Guests Present: John Nichols; Gary Hungsicker (sp?); Jeff and Kathy Quigly, John More, Greg (?); Tony Hayden.

Meeting Kick-off 7:00 pm

- Ken provided introduction to consensus decision making process to guests.

1) Review and approve agenda

- Agenda reviewed and approved.

2) Review and approve minutes of October 27, 2011

- Paul Bahnmaier would like it to be noted that he did not participate—by leaving the room— in the discussion and ranking of Lecompton Jail grant application.
- Would like to Commissioners to expedite the second round of grant application.
- Noted that Julia Manglitz did not participate in the discussion and ranking of Clearfield grant application as well the discussion of Black Jack Battlefield.
- With these changes, the Minutes of October 27, 2011 are approved.

Discussion and Consideration of Natural and Cultural Grant Applications 7:10 pm

3) Discuss and consider grant applications; make recommendations to Commission

- Council began discussion with the major grant applications.
- Last week each council member discussed the major grant applications and initially prioritized. Our goal tonight is to make recommendations to the County Commission. The Commission will review and amend as necessary on November 16, 2011.
- Each council member discussed their recommendation for funding and funding amount.
 - Julia Manglitz abstained from discussion involving Black jack Battlefield.
- Test for consensus was taken.
 - Julia Manglitz abstained.
- Council approved full funding for the Blackjack Battlefield Trust in the amount of \$163,000. A condition was made by the Council to review the historic structures report once it is completed prior to undertaking any conservation work.

- Council approved partial funding for the Eudora Historical Society in the amount of \$29,500. This is to support determination for state register, if buildings are ineligible to conduct research to determine how to make the buildings eligible. If the buildings are eligible, to hire an architect to conduct an architectural building report.
- No additional money is available for the target grants.
- Council members moved to discussion of target grant applications. The total funding available is \$105,000.
- Last week, prioritized seven grants that contributed most to the conservation of Douglas County natural and cultural heritage. Our goal tonight is to make recommendations to the County Commission.
- Each council member discussed their recommendation for funding and funding amount.
- Test for consensus was taken.
 - Paul did not participate in the consensus decision on the target grant applications.
- Council approved:
 - Lecompton Historical Society, \$15,000 for conservation of the City Jail.
 - Douglas County Extension Master Gardeners, \$2,700 for education about the cultural heritage of significant and historical trees and conservation of those trees.
 - Clinton Lake Historical Society, \$20,000 for Wakarusa River Valley Heritage Museum collection management planning.
 - Vinland Preservation LLC, \$30,000 for preservation of the Vinland Presbyterian Church.
 - Eudora Area Historical Society, \$3,000 for historic buildings signage in downtown Eudora.
 - Lawrence Preservation Alliance, \$9,000 for National Register of Historic Places nomination applications for B'nai Israel Cemetery, Robinson Oakridge Farm Barn and 707 Main Street, Eudora.
 - Kansas Land Trust, Inc., \$22,300 for Hamilton conservation easement.
 - Clearfield Community Historical Society, \$3,000 for roof repair to the Clearfield School.

Next steps in the grant award process 10:05 pm

4) Discussed the following items:

---Grant Timeline: Commission Recommendations, Applicant Letters, etc.

- Commission will consider Council recommendations on November 16, 2011 at 6:35 p.m.
- Official award letters will be sent out to all grant applicants following Commissioner recommendation. Those not receiving a grant will be provided with feedback. Ken and Jeannette are willing to meet with grant applicants should they have further questions.

Those applicants receiving a grant will be provided a performance agreement with their award letter.

- Ken indicated that, while any unused funds from 2011 would be rolled over into the 2012 budget, there is no guarantee that they will be used for the 2012 grant program.

Other Items

5) Next grant evaluation meeting: Tuesday, November 8, 2011 (if needed)

- Council decided this meeting is unnecessary.

6) Next monthly meeting: Thursday, December 1, 2011 (if needed)

- January 5, 2012 will be the next meeting

Adjourn 10:25 pm