



# City of Arkansas City

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING

### MINUTES

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Monday, October 18, 2021 at 5:30 PM – 118 W Central Ave, Arkansas City, KS

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#### I. Call to Order

#### II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Jorge Lozano, Foss Farrar, Kayleigh Lawson

ABSENT: Charles Jennings, Kevin Cox

Staff present at roll call included Principal Planner Josh White and Public Information Officer Andrew Lawson

#### III. Consent Agenda

1. Meeting Minutes, September 20, 2021 meeting.

Motion made by K. Lawson, Seconded by Lozano to approve the September 20, 2021 meeting minutes as written.

Voting Yea: Lozano, Farrar, K. Lawson

#### IV. Items for Discussion

1. Discuss Chapter 5 Parks, Recreation and Natural and Historical Resources

White discussed changes to Chapter 5 of the Comprehensive Plan. Cox joined the meeting at 5:33 p.m. He then discussed the goals and actions. The board reviewed the actions. White updated the board on some of the activity happening in downtown. There has been a lot of interest lately. Farrar asked about the AC Office Building. White said there had been some interest but nothing to this point has gone anywhere. Cox suggested that we include an action to encourage development of upper story housing. White said that likely would be a goal in the housing chapter but it could also be added here if the board wanted to suggest that. Jennings joined the meeting at 5:48 p.m. The board agreed having it as an action here would also be a good idea. White discussed the Rural Housing Incentive District that the City is looking into. The program would assist developers with their costs for upper floor housing. White said that the board recommendations would be forwarded to the Planning Commission. He reminded the board the Jennings represents the board on the Planning Commission. Farrar asked for an update on Paris Park. A. Lawson gave a brief update on plans that are in work that would bring together the City, the school district, the Recreation Commission and Cowley College. Plans are in the very early days. Wilson Park will also be included in the discussion. The Public Building Commission will be looking into coordinating this effort. The City is looking at Valley Center as an example of a similar project. Farrar reiterated the importance of maintaining the pool facility as much as possible due to its historical significance in the community.

2. Time Capsule Discussion

A. Lawson said that the time capsule ceremony was set for 1:00 p.m. on October 29. The ceremony would not include burial but will officially close up contributions to it. City crews will bury it at a later date. The board discussed contents of the time capsule. A. Lawson noted that everything will be sealed with multiple layers of protection to ensure the contents are preserved. A press release will be sent out soon.

## **V. Adjournment**

Motion made by Lozano, Seconded by Jennings to adjourn the meeting.

Voting Yea: Jennings, Lozano, Farrar, K. Lawson, Cox

Farrar declared the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.