

LIBERTY HISTORIC DISTRICT REVIEW COMMISSION
Meeting Summary
June 20, 2023
5:30 pm
City Council Chambers

Roll Call: Paemon Aramjoo, Linda Armstrong, John Carr, Kathy Chelton, Vern Drottz, Aimee Gray, Matt Grundy, Brett Rinker, Katie Schmidt

Present: Paemon Aramjoo, Linda Armstrong, John Carr, Aimee Gray, Matt Grundy, Brett Rinker

Absent: Kathy Chelton, Vern Drottz, Katie Schmidt

Applicant: Liberty Christian Church contractor Ron Hanes

Staff Present: Jeanine Thill, Community Development Manager

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

Approval of Meeting Summary: June 6, 2023

A motion to approve the meeting summary was made by Commissioner Aramjoo. The motion was seconded Vice Chairman Carr. The motion passed 6-0-0.

Current Business

HDRC Case #23-006J Consideration of new steps and handrails at Liberty Christian Church, 427 E Kansas, Jewell Historic District

Discussion: Chairman Grundy recused himself because he is a member of the church. Commissioner Gray asked about the handrail design. Mr. Hanes said it will be made to meet code.

The stairs will be poured to be rounded out to match the existing.

Vice Chairman Carr asked what they mean by existing step to remain. The applicant clarified it's the very top step. Commissioner Gray commented that it may be considered the façade of the building.

Commissioner Aramjoo commented that the steps appear to have aggregate. The applicant said they have been repaired in the past. Vice Chairman Carr said it might be a flexible calking between the rise to the tread. It is so worn that the granite is not finely finished anymore and added that the lifespan is long gone, by at least 10 years.

Vice Chairman Carr commented that if the concrete work is done right, it will look very similar to the original steps.

The railings don't appear to be original. Vice Chairman Carr said the new design is commercial and pretty typical. This proposed rail will meet code. Commissioner Gray said she prefers the smaller radius for the railing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rinker to approve the application as presented because it meets the standards and guidelines. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gray. The motion passed 6-0-0.

I. Other Business

Administrative Approvals since the June 6, 2023 meeting: None

Miscellaneous matters from the Commission:

Vice Chairman Carr commented that at 462 E Kansas it looks like they are painting and they put brick over the concrete block, he added that the mason does a good job.

Vice Chairman Carr reported that he attended the Preservation Conference in Joplin. They had pretty good attendance. At the next meeting he will share photos and more details.

Commissioner Gray commented that at 518 W Kansas it appears that the landing and the porch is in the side yard and not in the rear yard. Vice Chairman Carr said because it is behind the line of the back of the house, it is considered in the rear yard.

a. Miscellaneous matters from Staff:

- i. Staff asked the Commission if she can issue an administrative approval of lattice. The Commission said yes, but that it must be applied under the skirt board and over the posts. It needs to be picture framed by a 1x4 and installed so that it is inset of the skirt board and applied directly to the posts.

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm