

**City of Independence  
Heritage Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** June 1, 2010

**Location:** Council Chambers

**Commissioners Present:** Jeffrey Shawhan, Mike Calvert, Tim Grove, Jean Kimball, Jim Legge, Dennis Myers, and Sam Rushay

**Commissioners Absent:** Duane Stephens and Larry Villalva

**Staff:** Wendy Shay, Historic Preservation Manager

**I. AGENDA**

It was moved by Ms. Kimball, seconded by Mr. Calvert and approved 7-0 to accept the agenda.

**II. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

The Heritage Commission was asked to choose photos submitted as part of a photo contest. The Commission partnered with the Jackson County Historical Society on this project in order to encourage the donation of historic photos from private collections for public research.

The photos chosen were: the "Swope Mansion" for best representation of historic preservation; the "McCoy family" for most unique, and the "Independence Glee Club" for best representation of human interest.

**III. REPORTS & COMMENTS**

**A. Public Comment**

No members of the public wished to speak.

**B. Heritage Commission**

The Commission had no topics for discussion.

**C. Staff**

Ms. Shay presented a summary of public participation in Preservation Month events. All events were well received with a solid turnout at all tours and lunch 'n learn lectures. Outreach to the McCoy Neighborhood at the Vaile Mansion lecture was also very well received with over 50 in attendance.

Mr. Rushay inquired about how to encourage attendance for Preservation Month events at the Truman Presidential Library.

Ms. Shay suggested perhaps partnering with other heritage organization such as the Jackson County Historical Society on a book signing or event.

Ms. Shay presented the Commission with the process for choosing the firm to update the design guidelines. Susan Richards Johnson & Associates, Inc. of Kansas City, MO was chosen by a panel of city staff and Jeffrey Shawhan, Heritage Commission Chair.

She then proceeded to explain the process to allow the public to participate. A representative from the firm was invited to attend the July 6<sup>th</sup> Heritage Commission meeting. The first public meeting is proposed for August.

Ms. Shay recommended the formation of a committee to guide the architectural firm prior to the start of the draft.

Chair Shawhan concurred with the formation of a subcommittee. Chair Shawhan, Mr. Calvert, Mr. Rushay, and Mr. Grove will form the committee and attend the meeting to be arranged by staff.

#### **IV. ADJOURN**

It was moved by Mr. Calvert, seconded by Mr. Rushay, and approved 7-0 to adjourn.