

# **CITY OF LEAVENWORTH PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

## **COMMISSION CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

100 N 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Leavenworth, Kansas 66048

**Wednesday, Sept 7, 2022 6:00 PM**

The Leavenworth Preservation Commission met Wednesday, September 7, 2022. Chairman Rik Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners present were Rik Jackson, Ken Bower, Ed Otto, Dick Gibson, Sherry Hines Whitson and Ken Bateman. Also, present in the commission chambers were Planning Director Julie Hurley and Administrative Assistant Michelle Baragary.

Chairman Jackson noted a quorum was present and called for a motion to accept the minutes from August 3, 2022. Commissioner Bateman moved to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Commissioner Gibson and approved by a vote of 6-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**None**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. 2022-19 LPC - PASSAGEWAYS**

A State Law review (K.S.A. 75-2724) for the proposed installation of a public art project at multiple locations within the Downtown Leavenworth Historic District and determine if the project meets the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation.

Chairman Jackson called for the staff report.

Planning Director Julie Hurley stated the Leavenworth Main Street organization is proposing an outdoor painting competition called First City Passageways, in which artists will install a painting on pre-selected doors or passageways in the downtown area. Artists will be required to submit concept renderings to the Main Street Selection Committee prior to installation of the paintings.

Previous installations of this project was reviewed and approved by the LPC in 2020 and 2021. During the previous review, the LPC determined that renderings of the proposed art for each location would not need to be submitted for review prior to their installation. The event has been successful, with wide support from the community. This year's event is planned to be held in late September or early October. The locations to be included are:

529 Cherokee  
401 Delaware  
424 Delaware  
427 Delaware  
510 ½ Delaware  
520 Delaware  
531 Delaware  
600 Shawnee  
601 Shawnee

## **REQUIRED REVIEWS:**

The proposed project shall be reviewed utilizing the Standards for Rehabilitation as set forth by the Secretary of the Interior:

1. A property shall be used for its historic purpose or be placed in a new use that requires minimal change to the defining characteristics of the building and its site and environment.

*No structures will undergo a change in use or defining characteristics.*

2. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.

*No historic materials will be removed or altered.*

3. Each property shall be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or architectural elements from other buildings, shall not be undertaken.

*No changes will be undertaken that create a false sense of historical development.*

4. Most properties change over time; those changes that have acquired historic significance in their own right shall be retained and preserved.

*No features with historic significance will be altered.*

5. Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a historic property shall be preserved.

*No features with historic significance will be altered.*

6. Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities, and where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence.

*No features are proposed to be repaired or replaced.*

7. Chemical or physical treatments, such as sandblasting, that cause damage to historic materials shall not be used. The surface cleaning of structures, if appropriate, shall be undertaken using the gentlest means possible.

*Paint will be applied to the structure as part of the installation of the art project.*

8. Significant archeological resources affected by a project shall be protected and preserved. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures shall be undertaken.

*No known significant archeological resources will be altered.*

9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.

*No new additions or physical alterations are proposed.*

10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

*No new additions or construction are proposed.*

**ACTION /OPTIONS:**

- Motion, to determine that the First City Passageways project at the 9 specified locations does not damage or destroy any historic property.
- Motion, to determine that the First City Passageways project at the 9 specified locations does damage or destroy a historic property.
- Motion, to Table item until the next meeting for the purpose of gathering additional information.
- Motion, to forward to the SHPO for review.

Wendy Scheidt, Executive Director Leavenworth Main Street Program, stated this is the third year for the passageway project. The art will be painted on obscure doors and windows on the properties specified. Wendy provided a slideshow presentation showing the location of each painting. A design team will review each concept to make sure it fits well in the downtown area.

Chairman Jackson asked if there is any type of rendering that will not be permitted.

Ms. Scheidt stated the guidelines are whimsical, thoughtful, family-friendly, historic and non-political that encourage the exploration of downtown Leavenworth. This information is on the form, which needs to be submitted by September 19<sup>th</sup>, with the artist's preferences.

Commissioner Whitson asked if any of the locations have already been spoken for by artists.

Ms. Scheidt responded the Country Club Bank location has been spoken for.

Commissioner Gibson asked when the project will be completed.

Ms. Scheidt stated the deadline is October 17<sup>th</sup>. The artists will get two full weekends plus through that week to work.

Commissioner Bower asked if cash prizes are awarded.

Ms. Scheidt responded in the affirmative stating there is a cash prize for first, second and third place. The artists are also provided a \$75 stipend to help cover the cost of their paints.

Chairman Jackson asked if there are any further questions/discussion from the commissioners. With none, Chairman Jackson called for a motion.

Prior to making a motion, Ms. Hurley stated staff met with Katrina Ringler from the Historic Preservation Office to go over a few things and clean-up some language used in the policy reports and motions. The language the preservation officer is looking for is that the motion is to determine that the project does not damage or destroy any historic properties.

Commissioner Bower moved that the First City Passageways project does not damage or destroy any of the 9 historic properties, seconded by Mr. Otto and approved by roll call 6-0.

## **OTHER BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE**

### **1. Other Business/Correspondence**

Ms. Hurley noted there are five Minor Certificates of Appropriateness for the board's information.

Ms. Hurley further stated moving forward the Certificates of Appropriateness is one thing that will change a little bit. Katrina Ringler gave staff a bit of education on what staff should be calling things and how they should be reviewed so the Certificates of Appropriateness will still be providing to the board but may be named something different.

Ms. Hurley stated there is one item on the agenda for the October meeting.

With no further discussion, Chairman Jackson called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bower moved to adjourn, approved by a vote of 6-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Minutes taken by Administrative Assistant Michelle Baragary.