
Manhattan / Riley County PRESERVATION ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2004

FROM THE PRESIDENT—JIM SHEROW

Greetings everyone. As usual, many issues require our attention, and this Thursday is a good time to place many of these on the table and see how we can best approach them.

As you all probably realize, the 4th Street Steering Committee forwarded its recommendation for the redevelopment plan. Know that the Community Building may be in peril, and this will require our close vigilance. Also, even though DIAL agreed in principle to moving houses with historically significant architecture doesn't mean this will happen in reality. Again, this will require closing monitoring. We need to redouble our efforts on depot fund raising, and weaving this effort into the 4th Street plan. All of this can be accomplished if, IF, we stay on top of it.

The TNO district for Phase 3 hit a bit of a snag. Mike Hill on the Planning Board raised some objections to the design guidelines for the TNO. The planning board will be reviewing these

guidelines again in the near future. This raises an interesting question about whether or not all of the guidelines for the TNO can be considered. This is something to watch carefully!

Downtown Manhattan, Inc., is becoming very interested in historical tourism. I will be exploring this and reporting to all of you this Thursday.

Mark your calendars for the May meeting. Bonnie's class is again preparing Preliminary Site Information Questionnaires for about six potential national register nominations in the city. These students will be presenting their illustrated reports and findings in May.

I encourage all to attend this Thursday to continue charting the course for our organization. We have accomplished much, and we should take great pride in that. But now is no time to rest.

See you Thursday!

Jim



Small, serviceable—and occupied—homes on Osage between 3rd and 4th Streets. (Details next page)



The Community Building

CAMPAIGN ACADEMY SCHEDULED APRIL 22; 7-9:00 P.M. IN THE CHAMBER BOARD ROOM

The Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce and the League of Women Voters are co-sponsoring a “Campaign Academy” on Thursday, April 22; 7-9:00 p.m. in the Chamber board room at 501 Poyntz Avenue—a nuts and bolts training on running or supporting a successful political campaign.

Anyone interested in running a campaign or supporting a campaign, or just curious about campaigns and local/state politics, is invited to attend. Registration for the workshop is \$20 and covers the cost of materials, which will include a binder shock full of useful information, forms, and deadlines, etc. critical to a successful campaign.

The workshop format includes participation by Janis McMillen, President, League of Women Voters of Kansas; former state legislators Kent Glasscock, Sheila Hochhauser, and Joe Knopp; Assistant County Clerk, Jolene Campbell; media representatives Cathy Dawes, Ned Seaton, and Mike Matson; and former city commissioner/mayor Rich Seidler.

The Campaign Academy Task Force is a Sub-Committee of the Public Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. Members of the task force include Terry Olson, Kent Glascock, Rich Vargo, Lyle Butler, Becky Blake, Debbie Nuss, and chair Kate Watson. Currently the task force is assembling material for the binders. Submitting material for consideration is encouraged. Materials, due by April 8, 2004, should be topical and address reasons, processes, challenges, and benefits of running or supporting a political campaign. Humor, appropriate and non-partisan, of course, is welcome for consideration. Deliver materials to the Chamber or email to katewatson@cox.net or call Kate at 785- 341-1668, for pick-up and delivery.

Watch your mail or email in the next couple of weeks for a Campaign Academy brochure and registration form. Mark your calendar today and plan to attend the Campaign Academy on April 22!

ONE MAN’S “BLIGHT” IS ANOTHER MAN’S “TREASURE”



Check the architectural detail in this well-maintained older home in the proposed rehabilitation district.

Behind the branches, another older home displays its original leaded glass windows. Far from vacant, this interesting house contains three apartments.






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Minimalist condos (top row), as well as these neat bungalows dating from an earlier era, are all in the proposed development area. None are vacant and gutted, as is the norm with houses slated for demolition. On the contrary, all are currently occupied.


MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Dues date from the Annual Meeting in September. Dues paid mid-year confer membership status until the next Annual Meeting. Dues are \$15 for an individual, \$20 for a family, and \$60 for a sponsor. Checks should be made out to the Manhattan/Riley County Preservation Alliance, Inc. c/o P.O. Box 1893, Manhattan, Kansas 66505. Questions? Call Linda Glasgow at 785-565-6490.

If anyone has contributions for future M/RCPA newsletters, please contact Editor, Marolyn Caldwell (776-4862) or email marolync@flinthills.com.

**MANHATTAN/RILEY COUNTY
PRESERVATION ALLIANCE**

- Meetings:** Second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m.
Location: First Congregational Church, Juliette and Poyntz
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**DON'T FORGET THE NEXT MEETING—THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 11, 2004
AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, POYNTZ & JULIETTE, 7:30 P.M.**

These beautiful homes on Laramie Street in the targeted area are not slated for destruction.

