

P & Z Case 027-17

Roderick D. Harsh

(P & Z Recommended Approval)

Case 027-17: Jackson Ave, intersecting Glendale Rd. and Riverside Dr. – A request to apply District HP (Historic Overlay District) to Jackson Avenue Low Water Bridge – Roderick Harsh.

Roderick Harsh, 1200 North Range Line Rd., Joplin, MO. He recalled crossing the low water bridge going to the falls and that four generations of his family enjoyed crossing that bridge. The bridge has served its role for 98 years. Per the City Public Works Department, the bridge sees over 800 crossings per day. It has been through 100's of floods and has no weight restrictions. This historic structure needs to be saved.

Mr. Duncan asked if there were any questions from the Commission. He asked if the City owns the bridge currently and will maintain it?

Mr. Harsh stated that was correct.

Mr. Bolander stated that the City will continue to maintain it. After the construction of the new bridge, Low Water Bridge will serve as a pedestrian crossing in the City's Trail System.

Mr. Duncan asked if there was anyone else who would like to speak in favor of this zoning request. There was none. Is there anyone to speak in opposition of this request? There was not.

Mr. Duncan Closed the Public Hearing.

MR. CORTEZ MOVED, SECONDED BY MRS. BRUECKNER-SEARS, THAT CASE 027-17 BE FORWARD TO CITY COUNCIL WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL. THE MOTION CARRIED, WITH MR. DUNCAN, MR. CORTEZ, MR. RAMSOUR, MS. BRUECKNER-SEARS, AND MS. STEELE VOTING "AYE". (5 IN FAVOR, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT).