

Greetings Neighbors,

One of the greatest assets of our neighborhood is the wonderful diversity of historic homes set in a beautiful midtown area. Rockhill was the first neighborhood in Kansas City to be listed on both the National Registry of Historic Places as well as the Kansas City Registry of Historic Places.

For several decades Rockhill has had a positive and productive relationship with the Kansas City Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), which is charged with oversight responsibility for historic buildings and areas in the city. Part of its charge is to review and approve changes to the exterior of historic properties that are visible from the street. As part of that process, the HPC asks homeowners to do two things. First, it asks you to discuss your plans with adjacent neighbors and solicit their support, and secondly, that you present exterior plans to your homes association for feedback. That feedback is provided to the HPC as part of its deliberation process.

Throughout the years, the materials homeowners have presented to the Rockhill Homes Association (RHA) Board of Directors about their proposed projects have varied considerably. In an effort to streamline and standardize the approval process, the Board is asking homeowners to use the informational guidelines established by the HPC when presenting their project to the Rockhill Board. These guidelines, known as the "Certificate of Appropriate Submission Materials" (COFA), are rather detailed; so, the Rockhill Board wishes to help you navigate gaining approval for significant alterations, including such things as window modifications, roof and paint changes, fencing, rock wall modifications, new structures or additions, and exterior demolition. Simply identify the nature of your desired alteration in HPC's COFA guidelines and you will find the associated information it requests. (The COFA has been posted on the RHA website: <http://rockhillkc.org/>.) Hence, the information submitted to the Rockhill Board and the HPC will be the same.

Our goal is to help you get the approval needed, while simplifying and expediting the process. As a Board, we understand that historic properties need changes and updates and appreciate homeowners who utilize the process outlined by the Historic Preservation Commission of Kansas City and the Rockhill Homes Association. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gerry Carlson

RHA President