

Grand Forks Historic Preservation Commission  
255 North Fourth Street  
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**Minutes**  
**March 12, 2024**

**Commissioners present:** Chuck Flemmer, Bill Caraher, Gordon Iseminger, Sandy Slater, Paul Conlon, Jacey Johnston, Judy Swisher, Doug Munski. Brian Carlson.

Meeting called to order at 6:09 pm.

1. Approval of minutes from February 13, 2024. Moved Iseminger, second Slater. Motion carries.
  - a. Iseminger followed up on the County lot and the swap with the city. It appears as though the swap will no longer happen
2. Section 106 Reviews:
  - a. 3801 Clearview Circle – not in a historic district.
    - i. Motion: NHPA. Moved Slater, Second Swisher
  - b. Administratively reviewed and approved: 924 Cottonwood Street.
    - i. Motion NHPA. Smoke and CO detectors, weather strips on doors.
3. Chair Report: Chuck Flemmer
  - a. Babcock mitigation: slated to be torn down. Our meeting is tomorrow to discuss the mitigation of Babcock and what the Commission would like to see – high level documentation of the building.
    - i. Are there any other significant salvage items: bronze name plates et c.
    - ii. Perhaps ask to do a walk-through of the building. We should ask that the documentation include context about Margaret Cable Kelly and her ceramic studio.
    - iii. Munski had an office in that building from 1979-1983 and noted that even then it was not well preserved. Consider fundraising opportunity using some of the bricks?
    - iv. Iseminger asked about the footprint of Old Main. Mentioned that the Eternal Flame. Wondered whether there is an opportunity to ask for a footprint of Babcock perhaps as a garden?
  - b. Olive Ann expansion: looking at removing the Midcentury law office on the alley to add another 55 rooms.

- c. Sledsters: there was another fire in Sledsters upstairs in the apartments.
4. Coordinator Report: Susan Caraher
- a. Upcoming meeting with SHPO and UND rescheduled to Mar 13th
  - b. Visit with SHPO and to B’Nai Israel
    - i. Other outreach
  - c. Contact list of historic building owners is being created
  - d. NAPC webinar – Incorporating Art into Historic Districts
  - e. AE2S – Twining
  - f. Mylar maps
5. Other business:
- a. Slater mentioned that the Plains History magazine arrived in the mail.
  - b. Johnston asked about the current situation with the Rhombus Brewery and the Metropolitan
  - c. Johnston asked about the Town Square tiles
  - d. Swisher asked about the strip mall at 32<sup>nd</sup> and Columbia Rd and what is happening with the businesses
  - e. Munski noted that the National Trust of Historic Places is offering grants of up to \$50 000 for historic restaurants
6. Call to adjourn at 6:50 pm: Moved Munski, second Johnston. Motion carries.

***Next meeting is April 10, 2024.***