

Grand Forks Historic Preservation Commission
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Minutes
May 14th, 2024

Commissioners present: Chuck Flemmer, Doug Munski, Sandy Slater, Gordon Iseminger, Jacey Johnston, Nicole Derenne

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm.

1. Approval of minutes from April 9, 2024. Moved Iseminger, second Slater. Motion carries.
 - a. Iseminger asked whether the Chamber building will be repairable.
 - b. Iseminger asked about the granitoid near the Police Station
 - c. Add Derenne to the minutes for attendance at last meeting
2. Section 106 Reviews:
 - a. 1428 Walnut Street: NHPA. Interior only. Administratively approved.
3. Chair Report: Chuck Flemmer
 - a. Upcoming DDRB meeting: looking for approval for a variation on the size of the signage on Franklin on 4th. The chair is going to make a suggestion that there should be a comprehensive plan for each of the retailers who will also want their signage outside.
 - i. Munski asked about the color of the Empire's purple on the marquee.
 - ii. Flemmer also noted that there is a delay in building the 3rd building at the Beacon. That building was to be a hotel/apartment/condo style.
 - b. Preservation Month
 - i. Griggs Award nominations. If commission members have suggestions pass them along to the Coordinator in the next couple of weeks so we can act on them next meeting.
4. Coordinator Report: Susan Caraher
 - a. Babcock mitigation SHPO letter: the coordinator shared the letter outlining the mitigation request for Babcock provided by SHPO after consultation with GFHPC. A copy of the letter is included with the minutes. Munski – some students at the Indian Student Center are interested. Economic and geology development etc.

- b. Near Southside bronze sign: the sign was knocked over and damaged. It is unclear as to how that happened. The coordinator reached out to the company that originally created the marker for an estimate, and spoke with the City Finance Department. The replacement cost with a new post and shipping crate et c would be approximately \$5000 which doesn't meet the City's deductible for damaged property which is \$7500. The coordinator also spoke with Kim Greendahl who suggested we could reconsider the sign and also make the access to it more ADA compatible. She was going to ask the Public Works staff to remove the post which was still in place.
- c. Pillsbury Park – Kim Greendahl is also working to install an interpretive panel in Pillsbury Park and seemed to recall there had been one at one time. The HPC office doesn't appear to have any information on file but have offered to help draft some information.
- d. UND UAS student project – 3D image of a building: our office was approached by a UAS student who wanted to work on a project that might be of benefit to us in some way. He's a senior and is graduating this Spring, but will still need to fulfil this final project. We discussed several possibilities and ended up with the old Water Treatment facility which will look like a very part of the city in the coming years.
 - i. Chuck also noted about reaching out to his instructor for at risk buildings.
- e. University Ave brick pillars – mystery? Deed for Dacotah Place Addition dates to 1926.
 - i. Paragraph 3 on the deed reads: "Two drilled stone monuments are set about six inches below the surface, one at the intersection of the south line of University Avenue at the center line of Kent Street and one 1080' west on the same south line of University Ave."
 - ii. Iseminger suggested exploring the Piestch thesis for any clues.
- f. GFH story about historic statues – Pam Knudson
 - i. GAR statue
- g. Valley Middle School traffic safety meeting – similar to the Phoenix Elementary to determine what traffic changes might be needed when the new schools is built with representatives from City Departments, the GFPS, planners, and consultants.
- h. Trivia questions for Public Servants Appreciation Week

- i. Bismarck CLG is conducting a preservation plan for the city. The coordinator will reach out to them in the coming weeks to discuss their project and ours.
 - j. County Jail and Sheriff's office potential move. The County is looking for a new home for the Sheriff's office when it moves from the Police Station.
5. Other business:
- Iseminger – 9th Annual NDSU Press Party for the All American Turkey Show. Each of the authors did a reading from their books.
6. Call to adjourn at 7.03 pm: Moved Munski, second Johnston. Motion carries.

Next meeting is June 11th, 2024.