

**Historical Preservation Commission**

**Wednesday January 5, 2022 Regular Meeting:**

The regular meeting of the Vermillion Historical Preservation Commission was called to order at City Hall January 5, 2022 at 9:01 a.m.

**1. Roll Call**

**Present:** Susan Keith-Gray, Bill Dendinger, Cynthia Chaney (via Zoom), Dietrik Vanderhill, Erin Beyers

**Absent:** Ed Gerrish, Jim Wilson

**Staff Present:** John Prescott, City Manager; Stone Conley, Assistant to the City Manager; Kalin Knief, Building Official; Jose Dominguez, City Engineer

**Adoption of the Agenda**

Dendinger moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Vanderhill. Unanimously approved.

**3. Approval of the Minutes**

**3a.** Dendinger moved that minutes of the December 1, 2021 meeting be adopted, seconded by Vanderhill. Unanimously approved.

**4. Visitors to be Heard**

**5. Old Business**

**5a.** The Historic Property Project New Construction Questionnaire drafted by staff was analyzed and edited. Staff noted what changes need to be made and will continue with revisions. Discussions will take place again at the next meeting.

**5b.** Keith-Gray stated that she emailed Michelle Dennis' report to the HPC and City staff. She stated that Michelle liked the significance of the name and the reason for using it. Michelle stated that the district will be the John L. Jolley district, but would simply be referred to as "the Jolley District". A draft of the National Register nomination for the Jolley District including the expanded area will be available in the coming months. Keith-Gray will continue discussions with Michelle Dennis and may also reach out to Liz Almlie from South Dakota's SHPO.

**5c.** The HPC discussed with Evelyn Schlenker the possibility of developing a book for Prentis Park's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Schlenker wanted to know any insight from the HPC of what it should compose itself of. Keith-Gray wanted to see if the HPC would be interested in seeking additional funding. The book would provide history, nature, and information on the park and its founders. Dendinger believes a marker for memory of the founder's wife may be a respectful project. Keith-Gray agrees. Chaney agrees with all of the options stated and believes the park has had a long history of activity. Keith-Gray reached out to Nate Welch regarding an event that the VCDC is also doing.

**6. New Business**

**6a.** The HPC welcomed Erin Beyers to the Commission. Beyers was appointed by the City Council to serve as the new commission member.

**Adjourn**

Moved by Dendinger to adjourn, seconded by Vanderhill. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:36 am.

*Unapproved Minutes*  
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