

Historic Preservation Commission

Wednesday January 11, 2023 Regular Meeting:

The regular meeting of the Vermillion Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at City Hall January 11, 2023 at 9:02 a.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Susan Keith-Gray, Dietrik Vanderhill, Ed Gerrish (via Zoom - left at 9:58am), Cynthia Chaney (via Zoom), Erin Beyers (via Zoom), Bill Dendinger, Jim Wilson (via Zoom - arrived at 9:05am)

Absent: None

Staff Present: Kalin Bird, Building Official, Jose Dominguez, City Engineer

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Dendinger moved to adopt the agenda without changes, seconded by Vanderhill. Unanimously approved.

3. Approval of the Minutes

3a. Dendinger moved that the minutes of the December 14, 2022 meeting be adopted without changes, seconded by Vanderhill. Unanimously approved.

4. Visitors to be Heard

4a. None

5. Old Business

5a. Keith-Gray stated that the book about Prentis Park is completed. They will be printing approximately 200 books to be distributed to certain entities in the City. There is also discussion of creating a brochure to be distributed at the Centennial celebration. Work is still occurring to try and get events/activities for the Centennial. Discussion also occurred regarding the art work design and what the "save the date" card will say.

6. New Business

6a. Dominguez presented the project that would be taking place at Prentis Park. The project would consist of disassembling the existing metal shelter directly west of the new bathroom south of East Clark Street. Once the existing metal shelter is removed the existing concrete would be removed and a new wooden shelter constructed. The new shelter would be closer to match as close a possible the existing shelter on the south side of the park (e.g. style and colors). Dominguez asked for the Commission to consider the items presented and recommended allowing the project to continue with a vote of "no adverse effect". Discussion followed.

Dendinger moved to accept as presented with "no adverse effect", seconded by Vanderhill. Unanimously approved.

6b. Keith-Gray stated that the plan is due March 2023 and that it covers the fiscal year starting in June 1st. Several possible projects were discussed by the Commission. These included: Brookman house nomination, public education material (e.g. Prentis Park Centennial brochure), Forest Avenue book, preservation (e.g. gravestones, workshops, etc...), walking tours (e.g. USD, downtown, etc...), possibility of including QR codes to increase availability of information, and to hire consultant to write a report for the "USD historic district". This report would be completed in a "National Register Nomination" format with the intent of possibly submitting the nomination later. Discussion followed.

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Adjourn

Moved by Dendinger to adjourn, seconded by Chaney. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:02 am. Unanimously approved.

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