

Unapproved Minutes
Historical Preservation Commission
Thursday January 17, 2019 Special Meeting

The regular meeting of the Vermillion Historical Preservation Commission was called to order in the Large Conference Room at City Hall on January 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Cyndy Chaney, Jim Wilson, Susan Keith Gray, Gloria Hensley, Dietrik Vanderhill, Ed Gerrish, William Dendinger

Absent: None

Staff present: John Prescott, City Manager

James Purdy, Assistant City Manager

Jose Dominguez, City Engineer

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Gloria Hensley moved that the Commission adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Cyndy Chaney. The motion carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Gloria Hensley moved that the minutes be adopted with minor corrections, seconded by Ed Gerrish. The motion carried.

4. Visitors to be Heard

No visitors were present.

5. Old Business

5a. The Commission reviewed a mission statement which was provided by Dietrik Vanderhill and Ed Gerrish. William Dendinger motioned to approve the mission statement with slight modifications, seconded by Jim Wilson. The motion carried. City Staff will add the mission statement to the Commission's webpage on the City website. The mission statement reads: The mission of the Vermillion Historic Preservation Commission is to protect, preserve, and restore Vermillion's historic and cultural assets through public education, workshops, and outreach to the community.

5b. Jose Dominguez, City Engineer, presented a binder he created with all of the historical properties in Vermillion by district. The binder will be housed in the copy room at City Hall, and be available to the public.

5c. The new meeting time for the Commission will be the first Wednesday of the month at 9:00 AM.

6. New Business

6a. Jim Wilson reported that he wanted this topic on the agenda because there has been discussion in the community of a S.

University historical district. Jim Wilson stated that the possible boundaries of this district could be Main St to the Bluff, and the alley east of Forest Ave to the east side of University St.

Ed Gerrish stated the Commission might want to look at reinvigorating the current districts before creating a new one. Jim Wilson suggested meetings could be held in each district in order to help reinvigorate all of the current districts.

After some group discussion, Ed Gerrish motioned to table this topic until the next regular meeting. This was seconded by Jim Wilson. The motion carried.

6b. The Commission discussed the potential resurveying of downtown, and additional projects to consider in the future. Some of the ideas suggested were:

- 1) S. University historical district
- 2) Reinvigorating or establishing local/neighborhood groups
- 3) Discussing the relationship between the Clay County Historic Preservation Commission and the City Commission
- 4) Continually updating and improving the Commission's webpage
- 5) A survey for other project ideas
- 6) A location for archived documents

The Commission then discussed having John Prescott, City Manager, visit with Liz Almlie from the State Historical Society about the Commission becoming a CLG (Certified Local Government). Jim Wilson motioned to request that John contact Liz. This was seconded by Ed Gerrish. The motion carried.

The commission then discussed agenda items for the next meeting, and suggested bringing a sign-in sheet to take attendance at future meetings.

7. Adjourn

Moved by Gloria Hensley to adjourn, seconded by Cyndy Chaney. Motion carried at 8:15 p.m.

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