

Unapproved Minutes
Historical Preservation Commission
Wednesday February 3, 2021 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Vermillion Historical Preservation Commission was called to order via Zoom on February 3, 2021 at 9:02 a.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Cyndy Chaney, Susan Keith Gray, Dietrik Vanderhill, Jim Wilson, William Dendinger

Absent: Ed Gerrish

Staff present: James Purdy, Assistant City Manager, Jose Dominguez, City Engineer

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Dendinger moved that the commission adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by Chaney. Roll call: Chaney- Y, Wilson-Y, Keith Gray-Y, Dendinger-Y, Vanderhill-Y. The motion carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes

a. January 20, 2021

Dendinger moved that minutes be adopted, seconded by Wilson. Roll call: Chaney- Y, Wilson-Y, Keith Gray-Y, Dendinger-Y, Vanderhill-Y. The motion carried.

4. Visitors to be Heard

5. Old Business

5a. SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) Report- The report was reviewed by the Commission, and will be forwarded on to the SHPO. The Commission will have funding it will need to expend before the end of the fiscal year.

6. New Business

6a. UCC Nomination- Keith Gray asked the Commission for comments regarding this item. The consensus of the Commission was that the nomination was long overdue, and that the church is an excellent candidate for the national register. Several commissioners noted that a substantial amount of historical research has been conducted for the past decade or so on the history of the church, and that a wealth of that information has been included in the nomination packet. Chaney motioned to extend Commission support of the church's nomination/application, seconded by Dendinger. Chaney- Y, Wilson-Y, Keith Gray-Y, Dendinger-Y, Vanderhill-Y. The motion carried.

6b. Discussion of Potential Grant Projects- The Commission discussed other residential homes in Vermillion that are potentially eligible for nomination to the national register. The Commission discussed some specific properties that are categorized as "mid-century modern" style architecture. The Commission discussed finding/hiring

someone who could work on these nominations. Wilson stated that he would also bring it up at the next meeting of the Clay County Historic Preservation Commission. Their next meeting will be Monday February 8th.

Wilson noted that this may be a good year for the Commission to request additional funds and/or an extension. One of the other major projects will be a workshop on energy efficiency and historic homes. Wilson stated that in the past the County has brought in a consultant to do hands on workshops. Wilson stated he will reach out to the consultant to gauge his interest.

The Commission also discussed payment to the consultant for the second phase of the new historic district project. The second phase will cost approximately \$10,000. The Commission may be able to make a payment towards the second phase with money left over from this fiscal year. City staff will research this idea.

6c. Vacant Commission Seat- The Commission discussed whether or not to fill the vacant seat now, or to wait until the vacancy would be for a full term. The consensus of the Commission was to fill the seat now. It was noted that the vacant position needs to be filled by an owner of property in one of the four historic districts. Commissioners will seek out interested members of the public, and staff will advertise the opening online and at upcoming council meetings.

7. Adjourn

Moved by Dendinger to adjourn, seconded by Vanderhill. Chaney- Y, Wilson-Y, Keith Gray-Y, Dendinger-Y, Vanderhill-Y. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:03.

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