

Unapproved Minutes
Historical Preservation Commission
Wednesday April 3, 2019 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Vermillion Historical Preservation Commission was called to order in the large Conference Room at City Hall on April 5, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Susan Keith Gray, Gloria Hensley, Ed Gerrish, Dietrik Vanderhill, Jim Wilson, William Dendinger, Cyndy Chaney (arrived at 9:05)

Absent:

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

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Hensley moved that the Commission adopt the agenda with a few additions, seconded by Commissioner Dendinger. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Vanderhill moved that the minutes be adopted, seconded by Commissioner Hensley. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Visitors to be Heard

None

5. Old Business

- 5a. S. Main Historic District Meeting Discussion
- 5b. Forest Avenue Historic District Meeting Announcement
- 5c. CLG (Certified Local Government) Update (added)

5a. The Commission noted that the new District would be called S. University Historic District, not S. Main Historic District; there has been some confusion. The meeting will be held on May 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in Jolley Elementary School. The meeting will be open to the public. On April 5th the Commission will be sending out postcards to residents of the area informing them of the meeting. The Commission will invite Liz Almlie from the South Dakota State Historical Society to the meeting, and Jose Dominguez, City Engineer, plans to provide maps of the new district complete with the proposed boundaries. The Commission will also be putting together a one page informational sheet to hand out to the public at the meeting.

5b. Commissioner Hensley stated that Pressing Matters mailed out postcards for the April 25th meeting of the Forest Avenue Historic

District. The meeting will be held April 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the basement at the United Church of Christ and open to the public. A quorum of Commissioners will not be present at this meeting.

5c. John Prescott, City Manager, reminded the Commission that resumes from all Commissioners are required for the City to complete its application for the Commission to become a CLG.

6. New Business

6a. Upcoming opportunities for building permit reviews

6b. Letter from Terracon regarding downtown cell phone monopole (added)

6c. Upcoming educational opportunities (added)

6a. Jose Dominguez, City Engineer, stated that there will be an opportunity to review an upcoming building permit for Prentis Park. Jose stated that the City is looking at having a new bathroom built. Jose stated that the building is cement and will be prefabricated, however, the siding will be made to look historical and that it should match the historical period of the park.

6b. Commissioner Wilson stated that he received a letter from Terracon regarding the proposed monopole on Market St abutting the Downtown Historic District. Commissioner Wilson stated that he was notified because he is a CLG contact for the County, and that this consulting firm was hired by Verizon to gather public opinion on the proposed structure. It was decided that the Commission shall contact Terracon via mail, and request that it be notified of any developments. The Commission then had a discussion about the design of the proposed monopole. James Purdy, Assistant City Manager, stated that he will forward the packet from the November 26th meeting of the Vermillion Planning and Zoning Commission to the Historic Preservation Commission, as that is when the design and aesthetics of the pole were approved.

6c. Commissioners Keith Gray and Wilson reminded the Commission of two upcoming educational opportunities. The first is the South Dakota State Historical Society Annual Meeting in Pierre on April 26th and 27th. The second is the Preserve Iowa Summit in Newton, IA, which will be held June 6th through June 8th. There is funding available to send Commission members if they would like to attend.

7. Adjourn

Moved by Commissioner Gerrish to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Hensley. Motion carried at 10:17 a.m.