

Historic Preservation Commission

Wednesday April 12, 2023 Regular Meeting:

The regular meeting of the Vermillion Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at City Hall April 12, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Susan Keith-Gray, Dietrik Vanderhill, Cynthia Chaney (via Zoom), Erin Beyers (via Zoom), Ed Gerrish

Absent: Jim Wilson, Bill Dendinger

Staff Present: Kalin Bird, Building Official, John Prescott, City Manager

2. Adoption of the Agenda

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

3. Approval of the Minutes

3a. It was suggested to correct the minutes to state that Vermillion Baseball will be seeking someone to have the first pitch thrown by someone Vermillion or baseball relevant. Beyers moved that the minutes of the March 8, 2023 meeting be adopted with the change, seconded by Chaney. Unanimously approved.

4. Visitors to be Heard

4a. Tim Schreiner was present as a guest to offer assistance to the Commission as needed.

5. Old Business

5a. Keith-Gray began the discussion of the Prentis Park Centennial Celebration. The book is done and is available at the WH Over Museum and Austin Whittemore house. The Commission discussed t-shirts for the celebration. The Commission also reviewed the schedule of events. Gerrish and Cheney volunteered to judge the school essay competition. It was noted that the north shelter has been removed and construction is underway on the replacement shelter. A tulip tree will be planted in Prentis Park as part of the Arbor Day celebration.

5b. Tim Schreiner shared the Clay County Historic Preservation Commission wants to do a true walking tour of the USD campus. The University's position in regard to a historic district was reviewed. A multiple property submission was reviewed as a possible option to move forward. It was determined that the first step for either option would be to develop a historic context of the USD campus buildings. The importance of involving USD early on was noted. The 2023-2024 CLG application would include a supplemental award to create an inventory of campus resources to assist in determining the next step. It was proposed that a meeting with USD be set up to discuss the options.

6. New Business

6a. None

It was noted that the Brookman house nomination should be completed in the next week or two. The goal is to have the nomination at the State Review Board meeting in July.

The availability of additional CLG funding for the 2022-23 award year was noted. The discussion of applying for funding to complete a preservation plan for the Carnegie Library building on Church Street was discussed as a possible option if the additional funding becomes available. Moved by Gerrish, seconded by Beyers to pursue CLG funds for a preservation plan if feasible. Motion carried unanimously.

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Adjourn

Moved by Gerrish to adjourn, seconded by Beyers. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:08 am.

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