

Unapproved Minutes
Historical Preservation Commission
Wednesday May 1, 2019 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Vermillion Historical Preservation Commission was called to order in the Mamura Conference Room at City Hall on May 1, 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

Absent:

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

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Chaney moved that the Commission adopt the agenda with the addition of 6d, seconded by Commissioner Vanderhill. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes

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

4. Visitors to be Heard

None

5. Old Business

- 5a. S. University Historic District Meeting Discussion
- 5b. Update on CLG Application
- 5c. Proposed Stealth Communications Tower
- 5d. Discussion on Administrative Procedure

5a. Chair Keith Gray reminded the Commission that the meeting will take place May 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jolley School Library. It was discussed that there will be a quorum of Commissioners present. The Commission then had a brief discussion regarding the next steps towards creating the District. After the meeting the Commission will conduct a survey, and then the item will go to a resident vote. If the designation is approved by the vote, then the Commission will submit an application to the National Register of Historic Places.

5b. John Prescott, City Manager, reported that approximately one week ago he was notified by the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office that the City's CLG application is being

forwarded to the National Register of Historic Places for final approval.

5c. Commissioner Wilson stated that he would like to offer some details he had heard regarding the proposed stealth telecommunications tower. Commissioner Wilson stated that he believes Verizon has added more landscaping to the design, that lights will only be utilized while maintenance work is being performed on the tower, and that the tower will have a 65 decibel generator in the event that the City loses power. Commissioner Wilson also stated that Ted Muenster of the Vermillion Planning and Zoning Commission had the idea of turning the tower into a monument. The matter of a Conditional Use Permit for the tower still has to be addressed by the Vermillion Planning and Zoning Commission.

5d. Commissioner Wilson stated that he received a request from Farrel Christensen, City Building Official, to discuss the administrative procedure. When the Building Official has a project that requires Commission review, the details of the project will first be sent to Chair Keith Gray and Commissioner Wilson. Then, the details will be emailed to all Commissioners for review, and then if needed the Commission will need to call a meeting in order to vote and make a recommendation. The Commission will need to advertise the meeting 24 hours in advance.

6. New Business

6a. Report on State Historical Preservation Conference

6b. Attendance at Preserve Iowa Conference June 6-8

6c. Forest Avenue Book

6d. Foundation/Thompson House Renovation (added)

6a. No one attended the conference, so there is nothing to report.

6b. Chair Keith Gray and Commissioner Chaney expressed interest in attending.

6c. Commissioner Wilson stated that there is interest in having the book revised, but that the author will need to be contacted to give permission begin research.

6d. Commissioner Gerrish stated that Steve Brown, President and CEO of the USD Foundation, approached him about possible renovations to the Thompson house. The Foundation would like to work on the front of the house, and is seeking recommendations/guidelines from the Commission. The Commission will provide the Foundation with photographs and documents pertaining to the house. Commissioner Chaney, who has connections to the home, can serve as a resource.

7. Adjourn

Moved by Commissioner Gerrish to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Dendinger. Motion carried at 10:02 a.m.

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