

**Historic Preservation Commission**

**Wednesday June 1, 2022 Regular Meeting:**

The regular meeting of the Vermillion Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at City Hall June 1, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

**1. Roll Call**

**Present:** Susan Keith-Gray, Bill Dendinger, Cynthia Chaney, Erin Beyers, Ed Gerrish

**Absent:** Jim Wilson, Dietrik Vanderhill

**Staff Present:** Stone Conley, Assistant to the City Manager; Kalin Bird, Building Official

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

Dendinger moved to adopt the agenda with revisions, seconded by Gerrish. Unanimously approved.

**3. Approval of the Minutes**

**3a.** Dendinger moved that the minutes of the May 4, 2022 meeting be adopted, seconded by Gerrish. Unanimously approved.

**4. Visitors to be Heard**

**4a.** None

**5. Old Business**

**5a.** Keith-Gray stated that last week's meeting for the Prentis Park 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration went very well. She discussed dates among the HPC members. Most involved have indicated that they would like to make it a multiple weekend event (more than likely mid-July). Jim Goblirsch of the City states that this idea would be good due to July having possibilities of it being rained out. Those at the meeting felt it would be a good idea to follow up with an email and see who is helping with what activities of the event. Currently the band concert is a large event being scheduled, with consideration of a Kid's Day. Kid's Day would have games and activities alongside an open swim at Prentis Plunge. Ally Kink of the Vermillion Area Arts Council would also like to see an Art Day. Keith-Gray state baseball tournaments maybe a successful activity. Dates will revolve around not overlapping other major events. Keith-Gray would like to know what steps more could be taken for the HPC's involvement. The HPC stated that banners seem like a good idea for advertising. Gerrish would like to see one possibly placed on the Prentis Arches or the Bandshell at Prentis Park. He also says two weekends and a kid's day are both good ideas. He also believes an alcohol allowance may entice more to attend. Keith-Gray says Goblirsch of the City would like Kid's Day to be a big event and may utilize City Parks and Recreation funding. Food is currently a question currently. Dendinger states that people may be interested in sponsoring the event if they know it is a tax-deductible donation.

**5b.** Keith-Gray and Tim Schreiner met with Kurt Hackemer (USD), Brian Limoges (USD), and Liz Almlie of the SD State Historical Society. Hackemer and Limoges expressed interest in historic preservation on the USD campus. Keith-Gray stated that this district would be the first historic district of its kind in the state of South Dakota and one of only a couple within the region. They believe it may help with the funding of buildings. Hackemer and Limoges stated they would discuss the district with President Gestring at their next meeting. AJ Franken, USD Legal Counsel, will be looking into the process. Gerrish thinks utilizing a History Graduate or Undergraduate student may be beneficial. Molly Rosum will be contacted at USD. Gerrish will talk to Franken as well to see if there are any updates. The district would encompass the original university area near Old Main. Keith-Gray wants all campus buildings to be considered if they are 50+ years or older. Schreiner and Keith-

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Gray also met with Michelle Dennis of ML Dennis Consulting regarding the nomination. They state by involving students it could cut the cost.

**6. New Business**

**6a.** The HPC reviewed the proposed contract with Michelle Dennis of M.L. Dennis consulting for the nomination of 404 Cottage Avenue (Brookman House) to the National Registry of Historic Places. All agreed with the proposal to be recommended to City Council, no changes were made.

**6b.** The HPC reviewed and accepted a window permit for 201 N. Yale.

**6c.** Conley discussed the final invoices for the CLG Grant. Conley also discussed a proposal from a Minnesota Historical Preservationist to come analyze the Carnegie Library.

**Adjourn**

Moved by Dendinger to adjourn, seconded by Gerrish. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:52 am. Unanimously approved.

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