

Unapproved Minutes  
Historical Preservation Commission  
Wednesday June 3, 2020 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Vermillion Historical Preservation Commission was called to order via Zoom on June 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Cyndy Chaney (joined at 9:10 am), Susan Keith Gray, Johnny Beyers, Dietrik Vanderhill (joined at 9:05 am), Jim Wilson, Ed Gerrish, William Dendinger

Absent: Absent

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

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Dendinger moved that the commission adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Wilson. Roll call: Dendinger-Y, Beyers-Y, Wilson-Y, Keith Gray-Y, Gerrish-Y. The motion carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes

- a. March 4, 2020
- b. May 6, 2020

Wilson moved that both minutes be adopted in a single motion, seconded by Dendinger. Roll call: Dendinger-Y, Beyers-Y, Wilson-Y, Keith Gray-Y, Gerrish-Y. The motion carried.

4. Visitors to be Heard

Jose Dominguez, City Engineer, spoke regarding the arches project in Prentis Park. Dominguez stated that City staff are waiting for a more detailed proposal from the mason. The Commission also discussed ways to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Prentis Park.

5. Old Business

5a. City staff reviewed the CLG grant agreement. James Purdy, Assistant City Manager, went over the discussion he had with the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office. Purdy requested the Commission motion to have staff sign the agreement. The motion was made by Gerrish, seconded by Dendinger. Roll call: Dendinger-Y, Chaney-Y, Beyers-Y, Vanderhill-Y, Wilson-Y, Keith Gray-Y, Gerrish-Y. The motion carried. Wilson will contact a list of contractors who could complete the proposed S. University district study.

5b. The Commission noted they had reviewed one building permit (210 N. University) since the previous meeting. Dominguez proposed the Commission set a standard distance from a historic district or building for a permit to be reviewed by the Commission. Discussion followed. The commission agreed to 300 feet or less being the

standard distance. Dominguez will prepare a policy and present it at the next meeting.

5c. Dominguez discussed a zoning amendment that may be proposed by residents of the University Historic District. The amendment would set density limits on multi-family housing. Dominguez stated that the intent of the amendment is to maintain the current multi-family uses in the district, but also to limit their future expansion within the district. The University Historic District will be discussing the matter at one of their meetings.

## 6. New Business

6a. Three Commissioners contacted local realtors about providing information to be shared with potential homebuyers who are considering purchasing a historic home. The Commissioners reported that the local realtors were very supportive of this idea. The Commission will create a "team of three" to work on pamphlets and other messaging materials. The team will be composed of Gerrish, Dendinger, and Beyers.

6b. Keith Gray and Beyers will represent the Commission as a stakeholder in the landscape task force group pertaining to the downtown streetscape project. The charrette will be taking place June 10, 2020.

## 7. Adjourn

Moved by Chaney to adjourn, seconded by Dendinger. Beyers-Y, Vanderhill-Y, Wilson-Y, Keith Gray-Y, Gerrish-Y, Dendinger-Y, Chaney-Y. Motion carried 10:09 a.m.

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