

Unapproved Minutes
Historical Preservation Commission
Wednesday June 5, 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 June 5, 2019 at 9:04 a.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Susan Keith Gray, Gloria Hensley, Ed Gerrish, Jim Wilson, William Dendinger

Absent: Dietrik Vanderhill, Cyndy Chaney

Staff present: John Prescott, City Manager (arrived at 9:09)

James Purdy, Assistant City Manager

Jose Dominguez, City Engineer

Jim Goblirsch, Parks and Recreation Director

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Hensley moved that the Commission adopt the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Dendinger. 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

a. Liz Almlie and Darcy Usher with the South Dakota State Historical Society

4a. Liz Almlie stated that CLG grants for 2019 have already been disbursed. The City can put in for a grant in March of 2020. Commissioner Wilson stated he would like the City to issue a press release regarding the designation of the Commission as a CLG. The City did issue a statement, but staff will work on a press release.

5. Old Business

5a. South University District: Next Steps

5b. Stealth Telecommunications Monopole Update

5c. Discussion of Historic Properties and Commission Involvement

5d. Prentis Park Bathroom Improvements

5a. Commissioner Gray stated that twenty email addresses were collected at the meeting. In order to vote against the new district, residents would have to send in notarized objections. Liz recommends going over the results of the survey at the next regular meeting. Commissioner Wilson stated that it would best to hold a quick training session prior to the survey for volunteers and Commissioners. The Commission will hold this training and then complete the survey on a

future date in July 2019. Commission Wilson stated that some areas of the neighborhood will be easy to eliminate from the proposed district before a consultant is hired. Commissioner Gerrish moves to pursue a training session and then a survey next month, seconded by Commissioner Hensley.

5b. Terracon sent Commissioners Gray and Wilson a letter and packet and provided an assessment for the proposed stealth monopole. The package explained the reasons the parties chose that exact location, and stated that the area will be fenced and landscaped.

5c. The Commission is working on arranging a tour of the Thompson house. Commissioner Gray stated that she would also like the Commission to be more involved in other matters, such as discussions with courthouse committee. Commissioner Wilson stated that Nick Slattery contacted him about a property he was working on, and that he is aware the Commission can help make recommendations. Commissioner Gerrish suggested that someone on the Commission also talk to the Mart Brothers and other builders and let them know the Commission is here to assist. John Prescott, City Manager, stated that is also something City staff can do when speaking with developers. Commissioner Wilson stated that the new owners of the old Sigma Nu house have contacted the Clay County Historical Commission. Commissioner Wilson stated that with the significant changes to the exterior that he's not sure the house will be eligible for the national register.

5d. Jose Dominguez, City Engineer, stated that the City Council wants additional bathrooms built in Prentis Park. Jose stated that the City would like to do concrete bathrooms instead of wood, and that the building can be made to look more historical. Commissioner Gerrish motions to approve the City moving forward with new concrete bathrooms, seconded by Commissioner Dendinger. The motion carried unanimously.

6. New Business

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

6a. John Prescott and Commissioner Gray will be representing the City and the Commission at the summit.

7. Adjourn

Moved by Commissioner Gerrish to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Dendinger. Motion carried at 10:05 a.m.