

Historic Preservation Commission

Wednesday July 12, 2023 Regular Meeting:

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

1. Roll Call

Present: Susan Keith-Gray, Erin Beyers (via Zoom), Cynthia Chaney (via Zoom), Bill Dendinger, Jim Wilson, Ed Gerrish (arrival 9:10 a.m.)

Absent: Dietrik Vanderhill

Staff Present: Kalin Bird, Building Official, John Prescott, City Manager, Jack Baustian, Assistant to the City Manager

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Dendinger moved to adopt the agenda without changes, seconded by Wilson. Unanimously approved.

3. Approval of the Minutes

3a. Dendinger moved to adopt the minutes as presented, seconded by Wilson. Unanimously approved.

4. Visitors to be Heard

4a.

5. Old Business

5a. Keith-Gray opened with updates around the Prentis Park Centennial Celebration. She stated that Saturday, July 15 will host three different artists from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. for attendees to participate in. They will be hosted south of the Prentis Plunge entrance. The 24 art and essay contest winners will be announced at 3 p.m., Vermillion Parks & Recreation has supplied the prizes for this event. The Phil Baker Show will be hosted at 4 p.m. within Prentis Plunge. July 22 will be the second Saturday of events which will include two musical performances, a scavenger hunt for everyone, and other games throughout Prentis Park. Keith-Gray shared that the community band concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Prentis Park bandshell. She also noted that the Prentis Park children's book draft has been submitted for review.

5b. Keith-Gray, Beyers, and Prescott all attended the June 29 training webinar. The attendees stated they were able to take away useful information for future projects which included discussion on the Jolley housing project and data gathering of HPC building permit decisions. Keith-Gray shared there will be another training opportunity coming up hosted by the same entity. This training opportunity is called the Virtual Summer Short Course.

6. New Business

6a. Prescott shares an update on the Jolley housing project. He stated that the City and school district have been moving forward in partnership, shown in the Memorandum of Understanding presented to the City Council. The creation of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district will assist in the expenses of the proposed park on the south end of the existing lot. The commission expressed their interest and concern of how the newly established homes will accurately reflect the neighborhood and surrounding homes. The commission and staff discussed the potential for covenants and how this will unfold moving forward. Gerrish suggested that reviewing the Dept. of the Interior database, and becoming familiar with different eras of housing, might be a good resource. Wilson provided insight on how housing projects like this have been implemented in different South Dakota communities. Discussion

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followed regarding the need for a potential subcommittee and moving forward with the Jolley housing project.

6b. Keith-Gray introduced Michelle Dennis, who has been researching the University of South Dakota campus and its structures. She will be spending a total of four days in Vermillion to gather information through the public archives and collect photographs of the campus. Dennis shared her findings thus far with the Commission. She suggested to the Commission that they invite the University into conversation with SHPO through programmatic action. She hopes this will provide insight as to how the University can utilize their resources for future planning. Dennis' contract to finish the project goes to Spring of 2024, but she stated that she hopes to have recommendations prepared for the Commission between Fall of 2023 and early 2024.

6c. The Commission discussed future projects to include the Jolley housing project timeline. Wilson also informed the Commission on three separate items. The first included the Vermillion Area Chamber & Development Company's reintroduction of the façade improvement program. The second item includes a celebration for the nomination of the Jolley District. Lastly, he updated the Commission on the new mural being introduced on the west exterior wall of Café Brule. Wilson shared his interest in celebrating this new artwork in Vermillion.

Adjourn

Moved by Dendinger to adjourn, seconded by Gerrish. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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