

Unapproved Minutes  
Historical Preservation Commission  
Wednesday August 5, 2020 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Vermillion Historical Preservation Commission was called to order via Zoom on August 5, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Cyndy Chaney, Susan Keith Gray, Johnny Beyers, Dietrik Vanderhill, Jim Wilson, Ed Gerrish, William Dendinger (arrived 9:01, left 9:30)

Absent:

Staff present: John Prescott, City Manager  
James Purdy, Assistant City Manager  
Jose Dominguez, City Engineer  
Jim Goblirsch, Parks and Recreation Director

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Keith Gray wished to add the discussion of a possible future building permit review to new business as item a. Dendinger moved that the commission adopt the agenda with the addition, seconded by Wilson. Roll call: Chaney- Y, Dendinger-Y, Beyers-Y, Wilson-Y, Vanderhill-Y, Keith Gray-Y, Gerrish-Y. The motion carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes

a. July 1, 2020

Dendinger moved that minutes be adopted as presented, seconded by Vanderhill. Roll call: Chaney- Y, Dendinger-Y, Beyers-Y, Wilson-Y, Vanderhill-Y, Keith Gray-Y, Gerrish-Y. The motion carried.

4. Visitors to be Heard

5. Old Business

5a. David Locke with Stockwell Engineers presented information on the Downtown Streetscape Project. David received several comments regarding the two proposed designs, and answered questions related to the project. The Commission will have to meet at some point to discuss the impact (if any) the project will have on the status of the Downtown Historic District. The Commission will need to determine if there is 1) No effect 2) No adverse effect or 3) Adverse effect. If there is a determination of "No effect" a state historical review will not be required.

Wilson stated that his only concern would be if trees were to block the views of historical aspects of downtown. Locke stated that the trees will be placed along property/building lines, and spaced out around 100 feet, so there should be no negative impact. Locke stated that the Commission is invited to Thursdays on the Platz on August 20<sup>th</sup>, which will be advertised as a public meeting to present the initial design and gain feedback from the public.

5b. Jim Goblirsch stated that City staff was seeking direction from the Commission regarding the Prentis Park arches restoration project. Goblirsch stated that the mason is willing to perform the work, and that the City has budgeted \$17,000 for the project to take place in 2020. Wilson moved to approve the project rehabilitating the arches at Prentis Park since the work will have 'no effect' on the park. seconded by Chaney. Roll call: Chaney- Y, Beyers-Y, Wilson-Y, Vanderhill-Y, Keith Gray-Y, Gerrish-Y. The motion carried.

5c. Gerrish reported that the brochure is finished, and that it will be taken to print sometime this week. The Commission has up to \$400 in its printing budget for 2020.

#### 6. New Business

6a. Wilson noted that he was approached by a downtown business owner about replacing the windows in his storefront. The building is historic and is located in the Downtown Historic District, so the Commission will be reviewing the building permit if one is applied for. There was concern about how replacing the windows or transoms over the windows might affect the historicity of the building and district.

#### 7. Adjourn

Moved by Dendinger to adjourn, seconded by Chaney. Chaney- Y, Beyers-Y, Wilson-Y, Vanderhill-Y, Keith Gray-Y, Gerrish-Y. The motion carried.

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