

Unapproved Minutes
Historical Preservation Commission
Wednesday September 2, 2020 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Vermillion Historical Preservation Commission was called to order via Zoom on September 2, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Cyndy Chaney, Susan Keith Gray, Johnny Beyers, Dietrik Vanderhill, Ed Gerrish, Jim Wilson (arrived 9:02) William Dendinger (arrived at 9:15 due to technical difficulties).

Absent:

Staff present: John Prescott, City Manager
James Purdy, Assistant City Manager
Jose Dominguez, City Engineer
Farrel Christensen, Building Official

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Cheney moved that the commission adopt the agenda with the addition, seconded by Wilson. Roll call: Chaney- Y, Beyers-Y, Wilson-Y, Vanderhill-Y, Keith Gray-Y, Gerrish-Y. The motion carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes

a. August 5, 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. Dominguez provided the upcoming schedule of events for the downtown streetscape project. The Commission expressed satisfaction with the design concepts that have been proposed, and noted stated there were no concerns with affecting the historical character of downtown. The Commission will be provided additional opportunities to review documents and speak with the project consultant.

6. New Business

6a. City Staff noted that at the next City Council meeting on 9/8/2020, two commissioners will be appointed. It is anticipated that Keith Gray and Dendinger will be reappointed to the Commission.

6b. Vanderhill stated that he believes this project would have a minor adverse effect on the historical character of the building. Gerrish stated that when looking at the guidelines it appears it is mostly an aesthetic. Wilson stated that a formal ruling is not within the Commission's purview. Wilson stated that it is not meant to review an individual's project. To summarize there's no power.

There are some concerns about painting over the brick, but most concerns have to do with long term maintenance. The committee expressed the desire to show that they support the private property owner, and that the Commission is respectful of the owner's rights.

6c. Keith Gray stated that thinking to the future the Commission as a CLG needs to do an educational project. With the direction of Wilson the City will send off the RFQ on university historic district next week. There will be a 2-3 week time period to receive proposals. When looking at 2021 Keith Gray said it was not too early to look into planning. Keith Gray has a list of ideas, but would like the Commission to discuss the list, and perhaps add or subtract to it in order to create a planning document. The list includes the Centennial of Prentis Park and an educational project to involve the community in the celebration. Other topics could include sustainability and Preserving buildings, while also helping to guide owners make them more energy efficient. Another thought would partnering with habitat for humanity to restore a historic building for a family.

7. Adjourn

Moved by Gerrish to adjourn, seconded by Chaney. Chaney- Y, Beyers- Y, Wilson-Y, Vanderhill-Y, Dendinger-Y, Keith Gray-Y, Gerrish-Y. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:04.

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