



Historic Preservation Commission Agenda

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting
Wednesday August 4, 2021
Powell Conference Room
City Hall; 25 Center St.
Vermillion, SD 57069

1. **Roll Call**
2. **Adoption of the Agenda**
3. **Approval of the Minutes**
 - a. July 7, 2021
4. **Visitors to be Heard**
 - a. Discussion of renovations to Prentis Park Band Shell – Jim Goblirsch
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Review of Bob Yapp Presentation
 - b. Review of Historic Residency Requirements
6. **New Business**
 - a. Update on 2020-21 Grant and Member Hours
 - b. Update on USD Historic District
 - c. Update on First Congregational Church Application
7. **Adjourn**

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Addressing the Commission: Persons addressing the Commission shall be recognized. Please raise your hand to be recognized and state your name and address.

a. Items Not on the Agenda Members of the public may speak under Visitors to Be Heard on any topic NOT on the agenda. Remarks are limited to 5 minutes and no decision will be made at this time.

b. Agenda Items: Public testimony will be taken at the beginning of each agenda item, after the subject has been announced by the Mayor and explained by staff. Any citizen who wishes may speak one time for 5 minutes on each agenda item. Public testimony will then be closed and the topic will be given to the governing body for possible action. At this point, only commission members and staff may discuss the current agenda item unless a commission member moves to allow another person to speak and there is unanimous consent from the commission. Questions from commission members, however, may be directed to the public through the presiding officer at any time.

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As a courtesy to others, we ask that cellular phones and pagers be turned off during the meeting.

July 12, 2021

Dr. Kurt Hackemer, Provost/VPAA/Professor
Slagle Hall 102
414 E. Clark St.
Vermillion, SD 57069

Dear Dr. Hackemer:

During a review of the University of South Dakota Tour book, the Clay County Historic Preservation Commission (CCHPC) realized that a more extensive study of historic buildings on the campus is warranted. Particularly, only Old Main and Belbas on campus, and the Alumni/President's house (Inman House on campus) are on the National Register of Historic Sites. We are proud of your strong sense of history and its importance to the university, this community, this county, our three-state area, our state and to our nation.

Research into when remaining buildings on campus were constructed indicates that at least a dozen more historic buildings may be eligible for nomination to the National Register. These include: the old College of Law School now (Arts and Sciences), built in 1907/08; East Hall was built in 1886; Pardee (old chemistry building) was built in 1914; Slagle Hall was built in 1925; and, the psychology building (the old South Dakota Union) was built in 1930. Another might include the Danforth Chapel and the original power plant/utility building east of Old Main. Rather than considering individual buildings for the Register, a historic district -- The University of South Dakota Historic District -- may be a better approach, according to Liz Almie of the South Dakota State Historical Society's reservation office.

Why consider creating a USD historic district? On the USD website (<https://www.usd.edu/about-usd>) buildings are already described as: *It's been called "elegant," "eye-catching" and "naturally beautiful" with a "striking combination of old and new structures."* Thus, USD already appreciates the historic importance of several buildings. This can be an important selling point for the university. Examples of universities that have historic districts include University of Minnesota--Twin Cities, University of Wisconsin--Madison, University of Illinois Urbana--Champaign, Morningside University, University of Florida, City College (of the City University of New York), and Harvard.

Many schools may not have historic districts, but buildings on the Register compose and create better branding for an institution. In the case of USD, Old Main (originally University Hall in Dakota Territory) is highlighted. Because the building was listed on the National Register in 1973, an impetuous to renovate it to the highly functional glory it is today took place (estimated \$5Million). The pride that the State of South Dakota, faculty, students, and alumni, as well as citizens of Vermillion, Clay County, and surrounding areas had in restoring the building was evident in the support to renovate a building that was facing demolition.

Thus, the Clay County Historic Preservation Commission and the Vermillion Historic Preservation Commission (both Certified Local Governments (CLGs)) would like the University's agreement in proceeding with designating the University campus a historic district and in nominating key historic buildings on the campus for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely and respectfully,

Tom Sorensen, JD, Chair, CCHPC

Susan Keith Gray, PhD, Chair VHPC

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Wednesday July 7, 2021 Regular Meeting:

The regular meeting of the Vermillion Historical Preservation Commission was called to order at City Hall and on July 7, 2021 at 9:03 a.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Susan Keith-Gray, Ed Gerrish, Cyndy Chaney, Dietrik Vanderhill, William Dendinger

Absent: Monica Iverson, Jim Wilson

Staff Present: John Prescott, City Manager; Stone Conley, City Management Assistant

Adoption of the Agenda

Dedinger moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Gerrish.

3. Approval of the Minutes

3a. Chaney moved that minutes of the June 2nd 2021 meeting be adopted, seconded by Dendinger, unanimously approved.

4. Visitors to be Heard

4a. None

5. Old Business

5a. Tonight at Jolley Elementary School at 7 pm is an informational meeting on the potentially expanded S. University Historic District. Doors will be opened at 6:30 pm. The meeting will provide citizens within the expanded and current area with information regarding the district and the benefits it has. The possibility of renaming the district will be discussed. The redistricting of the S. University Historic District is expected to be completed in 1.5-2 years. This meeting is open to the public and will allow for citizens to voice questions or concerns about the historic redistricting.

5b. Posters for the Bob Yapp event will begin being placed around trafficked areas of Vermillion starting today. Discussion continued on the best way to advertise for the event through local news and media sources. Advertisements will also be made by commission members on their social media profiles alongside organizations they are affiliated with's profiles. Bob Yapp will also advertise with his nationwide newsletter. Discussion of sizing of advertisements in local newspapers continued.

6. New Business

6a. Permit for Willow Street building windows have been reviewed. The HPC will continue to discuss the process of emails and letters to the city alongside the homeowner. The discussion will continue at the next regular HPC meeting.

6b. The HPC discussed commissioner residency requirements due to current commissioner Gerrish moving outside of a historic district. Language may be revised to only allow the commission to require two residents of a Historic District to be members. Discussions will continue at the next regular HPC meeting. This language change would be dependent on an ordinance revision by the City Council.

7. Adjourn

Moved by Dendinger to adjourn, seconded by Chaney. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.

Unapproved Minutes
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