



Historic Preservation Commission Agenda

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

Wednesday August 5, 2020

Virtual Only Meeting

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1. **Roll Call**

2. **Adoption of the Agenda**

3. **Approval of the Minutes**

a. July 1, 2020

4. **Visitors to be Heard**

5. **Old Business**

a. Downtown Streetscape Project – David Locke with Stockwell Engineers

b. Prentis Park Arches

c. Team of Three – Educational Information for Realtors/Property Managers

6. **New Business**

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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Unapproved Minutes
Historical Preservation Commission
Wednesday July 1, 2020 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Vermillion Historical Preservation Commission was called to order via Zoom on June 1, 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

Absent: Absent

Staff present: 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 survey update to Old Business, and conference attendance to New Business. Dendinger moved that the commission adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Chaney. Roll call: Dendinger-Y, Beyers-Y, Wilson-Y, Keith Gray-Y, Gerrish-Y. The motion carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes

a. June 3, 2020

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

4. Visitors to be Heard

Jim Goblirsch, Parks and Recreation Director, spoke regarding the ways to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the opening of Prentis Park. The commission also discussed opportunities for a historical marker. The celebration would take place in July of 2023. The Commission established a committee of three to help plan the activities. The team will consist of Jim Wilson, Susan Keith Gray, and Cyndy Cheney.

5. Old Business

5a. City staff discussed a meeting with the University Historic District regarding the zoning question. City staff came away with the perception that the district might want reduced density beyond what was suggested. The University Historic District will meet next week.

5b. The Commission discussed the pamphlet that was presented. There were several suggestions made. The Commission's printing budget is \$400 for the year. There was a motion made by Vanderhill to approve printing of pamphlet after final draft is received via email, seconded by Wilson. Roll call: Dendinger-Y, Beyers-Y, Wilson-Y, Keith Gray-Y, Gerrish-Y. The motion carried.

5c. Added Item- Survey Update

Wilson provided the names of four consultants. Wilson would like to provide each of them with written documents so they may bid the survey

6. New Business

6a. This item was discussed under Visitors to be Heard.

6b. Chaney, Keith Gray, and Dendinger attended a virtual conference in Iowa regarding murals. Keith also attended a virtual conference in Arizona.

7. Adjourn

Moved by Dendinger to adjourn, seconded by Chaney. Beyers-Y, Vanderhill-Y, Wilson-Y, Keith Gray-Y, Gerrish-Y, Dendinger-Y, Chaney-Y. Motion carried 10:09 a.m.

Vermillion Historical Preservation Commission

MEMORANDUM FROM: Vermillion City Parks and Recreations Office
25 Center Street
Vermillion, South Dakota 57069

To: Historic Preservation Commission
From: Jim Goblirsch, Parks and Recreation Director and José L. Domínguez, City Engineer
Date: August 5, 2020
Re: Prentis Park Archway Feature Renovations

Background:

At the January 8, 2020 meeting Jim Goblirsch, Parks and Rec Director, presented a plan to renovate the columns and archways located at the Plum Street entrances to Prentis Park. At that meeting it was explained that the work would consist of replacing some of the bricks on the columns and repainting the metal archways. This work would be done in a manner that would preserve the historic value that the columns and archways contribute to the parks historic registration.

At the February 5, 2020 and March 4, 2020 meetings, Jim Goblirsch followed up with the Commission concerning the Prentis Arch renovation project.

Discussion:

Since the meeting with the Commission, Staff has been in contact with the South Dakota State Historical Society (SHPO) regarding the above mentioned project. Staff explained the project to SHPO and asked if as a result of the project the columns and archways could become a non-contributing factor and affect the park's historic designation. SHPO explained that although it is preferred for the original bricks to be reused, or replaced with the similar historically accurate bricks, they realized that this is not always possible. Staff explained that the plan is to reuse as many of the existing bricks as possible so that each of the columns is made up of a majority or reused bricks. This was acceptable to SHPO.

SHPO recommended that due to the simplicity of the project, and that the City is trying to maintain the historic value of the column and archways, a complete 11-1 review is not necessary. However, they still recommended that the Commission be made aware of the proposed brick usage.

Staff has been in contact with a local mason/bricklayer with extensive knowledge of projects that utilize historic material. Based on his survey of the existing columns, it was determined that each column is made up of 300 bricks (1,200 bricks total). Out of the 300 bricks, roughly 75 bricks need to be replaced (300 bricks total). Once all of the existing

bricks are removed, they will need to be cleaned. The cleaning process will damage an additional 35 bricks per column (140 bricks total). This means that after the deconstruction and cleaning process, roughly 190 historic bricks could be reused on each column. The remaining 110 bricks per column would need to be new (not historic) bricks. The majority of the new columns would be made up of reused bricks.

At this point, Staff recommends that the new columns start with the reused bricks at the bottom and finish with the new (not historic) bricks at the top. This would give a tapered effect to the column (the slight change in width ins 1-inch). The tapered effect is due to the fact that the existing bricks are larger than the new bricks. See included drawing.

On April 22, 2020, the Parks and Recreation Director met with Doug Griffin of Griffin Masonry in Prentis Park to see color examples of bricks that could be used to renovate the columns. Doug reported that a six to ten-week timeframe would be necessary to complete the project once all of the materials were on hand.

Recommendation:

It is recommended to allow Staff to proceed with the proposed work on the columns and archways. As mentioned, this was discussed with SHPO, and they were in agreement that the work is being done with the intent to preserve the historic value that the columns and archways provide Prentis Park, and that a formal 11.1 review is not necessary. The City will be using a majority of existing (historic) bricks, and the new (not historic) bricks will match the existing bricks as closely as possible. The proposed work will maintain the columns contributing factor and extend the life of the columns.

Sincerely,

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Jim Goblirsch

Parks and Recreation Director