

Unapproved Minutes  
Historical Preservation Commission  
Wednesday January 8, 2020 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Vermillion Historical Preservation Commission was called to order in the Large Conference Room at City Hall on January 8, 2020 at 9:02 a.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Susan Keith Gray, Gloria Hensley, Ed Gerrish (9:04 a.m.), William Dendinger, Dietrik Vanderhill (9:04 a.m.), Cindy Chaney

Absent: Jim Wilson

Staff present: Jose Dominguez (City Engineer), John Prescott (City Manager), and Jim Goblirsch (Parks and Rec Director)

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Hensley motions to adopt the agenda as published, second by Chaney. The motion carried 4-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Hensley moved to adopt the December 11, 2019 minutes with corrections, seconded by Chaney. The motion carried 6-0.

4. Visitors to be Heard

None

5. Old Business

5a. Prentis Park Archway Feature Renovations.

James Goblirsch (Parks and Rec Director) presented the plan of the renovations that will be done to Prentis Park in 2020. Goblirsch explained that work will be occurring to both of the archways leading into the park. The work to the archways will consist of replacing some of the brick, tuck pointing some of the areas, and repainting some of the metal work. Goblirsch also mentioned that a new sidewalk will be constructed along the Plum Street side of the park. This new sidewalk is part of the City's project to make the park more accessible. Goblirsch explained that the work to the archways will be performed in a manner that will maintain its historic value. Discussion followed. The Commission expressed that it was in favor of all of the work occurring at the park and that it was important to maintain its historic value.

5b. CLG Annual Report

John Prescott (City Manager) reported that the City had been in contact with the State regarding the contents of the CLG Annual Report. City Staff will complete a draft of the document and present it to the Commission at a later meeting for the Commission

to review and make any changes deemed necessary. Discussion followed.

#### 5c. Educational Outreach to Historic Property Owners.

Susan Keith Gray reported that she has been contacting realtors in Vermillion to discuss how the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) can assist owners of properties in historic districts. Keith Gray will continue to reach out to the realtors in Vermillion and to other organizations in order to increase the public's awareness of the HPC. Discussion followed.

#### 5d. S. University Historic District Report

Ed Gerrish explained that the committee working on the report completed its review of the information, and discussions with the State's SHPO office. Gerrish informed the Commission that the committee had to combine the information gathered from the survey and what SHPO had. The final report is the combined information. If the new historic district is created the composition of the structures would fit within the 1890 through 1940 range. These could be adjusted, but that would affect the number of structures and the size of the proposed district. Discussion followed.

The Commission recommended that further discussions needed to occur with SHPO on how to proceed with the creation of the new historic district.

### 6. New Business

#### 6a. Zoning Question

Jose Dominguez (City Engineer) stated that the University Historic District asked if there were planning options to control the number of multi-family structures within the district. Dominguez explained that there are a few options that may be followed to accomplish the request. Dominguez presented the following options: downzoning the area that the historic district encompassed from R-2 Residential to R-1 Residential, creating a new residential zoning district that would restrict the construction of multi-family dwellings, and creating an overlay district to add additional regulations to the area occupied by the historic district. Discussion followed.

The Commission asked that the maps presented at the meeting be made available to the Commission members. Additionally, they would be discussing the presentation with other members of the University Historic District. City Staff will get additional direction once they discuss the item with the members of the historic district.

### 7. Adjourn

Moved by Gerrish to adjourn, seconded by Vanderhill. Motion carried 6-0. Keith Gray declared the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.