

Unapproved Minutes
Historical Preservation Commission
Wednesday January 20, 2021 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Vermillion Historical Preservation Commission was called to order via Zoom on January 20, 2021 at 9:01 a.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Cyndy Chaney, Susan Keith Gray, Dietrik Vanderhill, Jim Wilson, William Dendinger

Absent: Jonny Beyers, Ed Gerrish

Staff present: James Purdy, Assistant City Manager, Jose Dominguez, City Engineer

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Keith Gray proposed adding CLG Grant, Forest Ave Book Update, and Historic Preservation Awards to the agenda at the end of the meeting, time permitting. Dendinger moved that the commission adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by Chaney. Roll call: Chaney- Y, Wilson-Y, Keith Gray-Y, Dendinger-Y. The motion carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes

a. November 4, 2020

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

4. Visitors to be Heard

5. Old Business (Added, and Moved to the end of the meeting)

5a. CLG Grant- Keith Gray recommended that the focus of the February meeting should be on future grant projects for the next state fiscal year. The State Historic Preservation Office has asked for an update on grant expenditures for this fiscal year. That will be provided to them by City Staff.

5b. Forest Avenue Book- Dendinger noted that he has been in discussions with the USD History Department about working with a student on revising the book. Wilson stated that there may be other opportunities to work with the department of historic preservation work. The Commission will discuss adding a proposal for the use of grant funds for some projects at the next regular meeting.

5c. Preservation Awards - Wilson reported that the presentation awards were presented at a virtual Rotary Club meeting in mid-November.

6. New Business

6a. Review of Final Downtown Streetscape Design- Dominguez presented the final design of the downtown streetscape project to the

Commission. As part of the presentation Dominguez discussed the project costs, goals, timelines, and other aspects of the project. One item Dominguez brought to the attention of the Commission was whether to list the year Vermillion came into existence as 1859 or 1877. Discussion followed. The consensus of the Commission was to ask the consultant if they could list both dates. For example: "Founded 1859" and "Incorporated 1877". If that was not possible, the Commission asked Dominguez to proceed with the description of "Founded 1859" Or just "1859".

Dominguez also asked the Commission to make a determination on what effect, if any, the project will have on the historic nature of downtown. Discussion followed.

Vanderhill made a motion that the Commission has determined that the project, "Will have no effect on the historic character of the downtown historical district." Seconded by Dendinger. Chaney- Y, Wilson-Y, Keith Gray-Y, Dendinger-Y. The motion carried.

Keith Gray noted that Gerrish has asked to be excused from meetings until the summer. Motion to excuse Gerrish's absence made by Wilson, second by Cheney. Chaney- Y, Wilson-Y, Keith Gray-Y, Dendinger-Y. The motion carried.

7. Adjourn

Moved by Dendinger to adjourn, seconded by Vanderhill. Chaney- Y, Wilson-Y, Keith Gray-Y, Dendinger-Y. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:57.

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