

Unapproved Minutes  
Historical Preservation Commission  
Wednesday March 4, 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 February 5, 2020 at 9:09 a.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Susan Keith Gray, Gloria Hensley, William Dendinger Jim Wilson (via phone)

Absent: Dietrik Vanderhill, Ed Gerrish, Cindy Chaney

Staff present: Jose Dominguez (City Engineer), James Purdy (Assistant City Manager), and John Prescott (City Manager)

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Hensley motioned to adopt the agenda with the addition of item 6b. S. University Historic District Funding, second by Dendinger. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Dendinger moved to adopt the January 8, 2020 minutes with corrections, seconded by Hensley. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Visitors to be Heard

None

5. Old Business

5a. Update on Prentis Park Arches.

City staff has spoken with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and believes the project will require an 11.1 review. The mason working on the project is proposing to take the columns apart and evaluate ways to restore the original appearance of the columns and arches. The columns themselves are not listed as a contributing factor to Prentis Park's listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The City will be submitting a proposal to the Commission at the next meeting.

5b. Educational outreach to historic property owners.

There was a motion by Hensley to table this item until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Dendinger. The motion carried unanimously.

6. New Business

6a. VHPC and Public Positions

City staff relayed the position of the City Council on this matter. The position of the Council is that the Vermillion Historic Preservation Commission, as well as other citizen boards, are allowed to take public positions relevant to their purpose as long as some "disclaimer type language" is included with those statements. The "disclaimer type language" will indicate that the position of a Commission is not the official position of the City of Vermillion or the Vermillion City Council.

6b. S. University Historic District Funding

The Commission discussed different approaches to the 2020 SHPO grant application, as well as the use of the grant funds to complete the survey required to create the new S. University Historic District. It was determined that the Commission will request \$2K in grant funds for incidental and operating expenses, \$5K in supplemental grant funds to complete the survey of the new historic district in phases. Dendinger motioned to allow City staff to complete the grant application for the discussed amounts, seconded by Hensley. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Adjourn

Moved by Dendinger to adjourn, seconded by Hensley. Motion carried unanimously. Keith Gray declared the meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.