

Unapproved Minutes  
Historic Preservation Commission  
Wednesday May 5, 2021 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Vermillion Historical Preservation Commission was called to order at City Hall and via Zoom on May 5, 2021 at 9:03 a.m.

1. Roll Call

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

Absent: Monica Iverson

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

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Dendinger moved to adopt the agenda with the addition of Survey (item 5e), seconded by Gerrish. Roll call: Chaney- Y, Gerrish-Y, Wilson-Y, Keith Gray-Y, Vanderhill-Y. The motion carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes

a. March 3, 2021

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

4. Visitors to be Heard

4a. None

5. Old Business

5a. Wilson stated he had been in discussions with others regarding a workshop/educational event. Wilson was thinking a good topic might be the, "economic and cultural value of historic preservation." Wilson stated that there is a renowned expert in the Minneapolis area, and another in Lincoln. Wilson will reach out to these individuals, and would like to have the event sometime in June. The Commission also discussed some prospective locations for the event.

5b. The application for the United Church of Christ in Vermillion to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places has been approved at the state level. The next step is a review by the National Park Service, which may take several months.

5c. Work has begun on the Walking Tour Brochure. Wilson stated that he is updating it in order to utilize for an upcoming June or July Osher Lifelong Learning Institute class. Dendinger noted that there is no update regarding the Forest Avenue book.

5d. The Commission exchanged ideas about how to celebrate the centennial of Prentis Park during the summer of 2023. The Commission discussed some of the activities that took place during the

Vermillion Centennial celebration in 2009. During the summer there were bands, picnics, sports/games, etc. City staff will check with Parks and Recreation regarding which facilities could be used and when. The Commission agreed it would be helpful to form an ad-hoc committee in the future, and will approach the Vermillion Chamber and Development Company about spearheading the committee and planning activities.

5e. Dominguez reported that he spoke with M.L. Dennis consulting regarding some additional work that needs to be completed on the sections of the area the Commission opted to add into the potential new historic district. This may include taking some additional photos, or getting more information on some of the buildings. Dominguez will speak with the consultant about specifics, and then email them to Keith-Gray to arrange some volunteers to assist.

6. New Business

7. Adjourn

Moved by Dendinger to adjourn, seconded by Gerrish. Roll call: Chaney- Y, Gerrish-Y, Wilson-Y, Keith Gray-Y, Vanderhill-Y. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:49.

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